

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

Mayor's Letter

by Mayor Susan Goetz

Cranbury Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Springtime!

The snow is finally gone, I believe it's safe to say, and the lovely crocuses have made their stunning but all too brief presence known. Much is happening around our town. Let me take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on several issues I am sure you are wondering about..

BUDGET AND TAXES - On April 7th, the 2014 Township Budget was approved by a 5-0 vote. I commend my fellow Committeemen, Dan Mulligan, Dave Cook, Jay Taylor and Glenn Johnson along with Township Administrator, Denise Marabello and our team of dedicated employees for the hours of hard work and due diligence that went into finalizing this budget. For the first time in many years, we had a packed room of residents come out to state their thoughts and opinions on the budget. We had some hard decisions to make and believe that this budget allows us to maintain those services that are important to the people of Cranbury while protecting our fiscal security for the next several years. At the end of the day, we did approve a property tax increase of 3 cents. What this means, simply put, is that for every \$100 of assessed value on your home, your taxes will increase by 3 cents. On the average house (@ \$602K) you would see an increase of \$168/year. For additional questions on the budget, please contact me and I will see that you get the information you need.

SO WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR MAIN STREET?....There's the Main Street construction activity. In my 30+ years here in Cranbury, I can't recall another time when so much disruption occurred on our beautiful Main Street. The Brainerd Lake Dam one-year project is moving along according to schedule. The sheet pilings have been pounded into the subsurface. We have poured 100 cubic yards (and still counting) of concrete to reinforce the dam, the downstream bank and the new spillway. We are anticipating bringing the Lake back up in early summer as soon as the spillway is complete. The street level repairs will include an expansion of the green space (translated to a narrowing of the roadway) and construction of a cantilevered platform out over the spillway. New trees will be planted, new lights and new railings, matching what we had before will be installed.

The Downtown Beautification Project is also moving along swiftly. The design is intended to provide a safer intersection for pedestrians, people with walkers, wheelchairs and strollers and to help the vision impaired with reconfigured crosswalks. Line of sight for drivers will also be improved. A brick sidewalk will be installed from the Post Office south to Schoolhouse Lane, with bluestone service strip between the sidewalk and the street, addition of new trees and new, low level street lights. The schedule calls for completion by mid May.

I am at the end of my page allotment! So much more to talk about so please accept my invitation to join Police Chief Ricky Varga and me at Teddy's on Saturday Morning, April 26th for 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. to discuss these and any other topics. Or leave a message at 609-664-3172, and I will call you back.

Have a great spring!

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS—2014

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER

LIAISON TO:

Mayor Susan Goetz:	Planning Board, Development Review Committee, OEM, Fire and Police, First Aid, League of Municipalities
James Taylor:	Library Foundation, Scouts, Cranbury Housing Associates
Dan Mulligan:	Construction Department, Recreation, Environmental Commission, Parks, Public Works
David Cook:	Planning Board, Engineering, Historic Preservation Commission, Shade Tree and Board of Health
Glenn Johnson:	Zoning Board, Business and Professional Association, Cranbury Housing Associates, Board of Education and Municipal Alliance

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Primary Election 2014

The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election (Tuesday, June 3, 2014) is **Tuesday, May 13th**. Town Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for the County Clerk to receive **by mail** applications for "Mail-In Ballots" is **May 27, 2014** or in person (to the County Clerk's Office in New Brunswick) no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014.

The Primary Election Day will be held on **Tuesday, June 3, 2014**. Voters in District 1 should report to the "Boy Scout Room" and Voters in Districts 2 and 3 should report to the "Senior Room" in the lower level of Town Hall.

The polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

FROM THE SEWER COLLECTOR

Utility (Sewer) Collector's Office Hours
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
609-395-0900 EXT. *228

NIGHT DROP BOX LOCATED IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

VILLAGE PARK IS 50!!!



**THIS SUMMER THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
FOR VILLAGE PARK'S 50TH BIRTHDAY!!**

**STAYED TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM THE
PARKS COMMISSION!!!**



HELP WANTED - CROSSING GUARDS

Cranbury Township Police Department is seeking to fill one permanent and one substitute School Crossing guard positions,



Details:

Paid position—\$11.00/hour to start

Work hours: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. daily.

For each half hour worked, you are paid for a full hour.

Uniforms/Safety Garments provided. Training also required — 20 hours hands-on and two hours classroom. You would be trained to work at all six work posts throughout Cranbury. Background check required. You would also be called on to assist during community events.

Please contact Lt. Franklin Dillane at the Cranbury Police Department (Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Please pass on the information if you know anyone who may be interested.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CUT IT AND LEAVE IT — GRASSCYCLING

Grasscycling is the natural way you can have a green, healthy lawn while spending less time and money! Yes, you can be the envy of your neighbors with a beautiful lawn with much less work and expense! Wouldn't you rather be sipping an ice cold summertime drink in the shade, rather than spending time mowing and emptying the collected grass clippings? A typical lawn of 5,000 square feet generates about 75 pounds of clippings per mowing. Lawn experts at Rutgers University and other research centers have found that that by mowing frequently (5-6 times a month) and not bagging those clippings can save lawn owners up to 35% of the time spent on routine lawn care!



There are five easy tips to achieve a great looking grasscycled lawn:

- Any lawn mower works but a mulching mower will produce the best results
- Mow high! Removing only 1/3 of the grass blade will decrease your mowing time.
- Keep the mower blade sharp. This will prevent torn grass blade tips which can invite lawn disease.
- Water in the morning to a depth of one inch to encourage deep roots
- Do not over fertilize!! Can't stress this one enough. Grasscycled lawns need fertilizer only once or twice a year.

For more helpful tips on a healthier grasscycled lawn visit: <http://www.cranburytownship.org/grasscycling.html>

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Whether you plan to put on an addition to your home, landscape, install a walk, or have any reason to dig on your property, you **must** place a phone call for a free mark out for any underground utility that is located on your property. Don't break the law, call 1-800-272-1000 before you dig!



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CLEAN UP WEEKEND

Mark your calendar! May 3rd & 4th is Clean Up Weekend (rain or shine). Bring your discards to the DPW Yard at 99 Dey Road; the hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The DPW crew will be on site to help unload your unwanted discards.

Acceptable materials include e-cycle (electronics), scrap metal, lumber, and household items that are too large to fit inside your trash tote. If you are uncertain if an item is acceptable, please call Town Hall at 395-0900 ext.*229.

NO household trash, paint or hazardous waste items will be accepted. For your convenience, Middlesex County offers household hazardous waste drop off days for county residents to properly dispose of these materials. Dates, times and locations for these events can be found at: http://www.cranburytownship.org/recycling_main.html. Click on the appropriate link.

The clean up weekend service is open to Cranbury residents only. Be prepared to show proof of residency, such as a tax bill. A driver license may indicate 'Cranbury NJ' but it is not necessarily Cranbury Township where you reside. Review your tax bill prior to coming to the DPW yard; this will indicate what municipality you live in. Thank you for respecting this valuable program.

MAY 2014 STREET SWEEPING

In time for the Memorial Day Parade (May 26th), all Township roads will be swept by Reilly Sweeping on May 19th, 20th, & 21st. The sweeper will be in Town to clean the streets during the early morning hours. Your cooperation by removing trash bins, basketball hoops, any piles of dirt/debris, cars or other personal equipment from the street that fronts your property is appreciated. This will allow the sweeper truck to make a clean and expeditious pass.

It is requested that all vehicles be moved in time from the streets to allow the sweeper truck to make a clean sweep on the roads. If you are unable to move your vehicle in time for the sweeper truck, please use any of the three municipal parking lots for overnight parking. A municipal lot is located in front of the senior housing complex on Park Place West. There are four 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.

There should be no leaf piles at the curb. The leaf collection service ended during the week of April 28th to May 2nd. If you have placed leaves at the curb after this week, it is requested that you remove them.

As a heads up, the sweeper will be cleaning the streets again on August 25th, 26th, and 27th just in time for Cranbury Day! Your cooperation in keeping Cranbury looking beautiful is truly appreciated.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY



On July 5th, Cranbury Township will host a fireworks display to be held in Village park. Bring your blanket, chairs, dinner, and friends to enjoy the show and the band. The entertainment starts about 6:00 p.m. and the display starts about 9:15 p.m.

As a reminder, no alcoholic beverages are permitted in the Park. Be warned, if you bring them, they will be confiscated. Be safe and enjoy the evening!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2014 SHRED-IT EVENT

Shred-it Events have been scheduled by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste throughout the county for all Middlesex County residents. For convenient locations, dates and times that fit your schedule visit http://www.cranburytownship.org/recycling_main.html and click on Paper Shred Events. Cranbury will be a hosting town in August 2015.



A maximum of five 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, five boxes or a maximum of 100 pounds of paper to be shredded, and then you will be asked to return to the end of the line. This is done so all residents receive their fair share for disposal of their items at this event.

Acceptable items included old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, medical EOBs, or any document that you have not recycled due to confidentiality concerns. There is no need to remove paper clips, staples, or paperboard binder covers. You can observe the shredding of these documents on site.

WHITE GOOD & E-CYCLE PROGRAMS



Did you know that for only \$10 per item the DPW can pick up your unwanted appliance or e-waste at your curb? Pick up is scheduled to occur every 2nd Wednesday of each month and you must call (395-0900 ext.*229) to be placed on the schedule prior to that Wednesday or for more information.

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, freezers, outdoor grills with tanks, and residential kitchen exhaust

fans.

NEW CHANGE AT THE DPW YARD!

Due to illegal dumping of hazardous materials at the DPW yard, the DPW will accept your white goods by appointment only. Public admittance to the DPW yard to drop off white goods is no longer allowed. Call Town Hall at 395-0900 ext.*229 to make an appointment or questions.

The Recycle Shed is open on the first Friday of each month between the hours of 9am-12pm. The exception in 2014 is the month of July. Please note that the shed will be open on the second Friday which is July 11th.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF PROGRAM

Should you need to dispose of household hazardous waste please visit this link for dates times, places, and acceptable items. There are five dates in 2014 to help you properly dispose of harmful items in a responsible manner. <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/Household%20Hazardous%20Waste%20Day.pdf>



MIDDLESEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS

Cranbury Township is very fortunate to be a part of Middlesex County. There are many opportunities available for Cranbury residents and businesses to help keep items out of the landfill that really shouldn't be there. 2014 Recycling Guide for Cranbury residents: <http://www.mciauth.com/curbside/CRANBURY%202014%20Recycling%20Guide.pdf> .

You will find the 2014 Recycling Guide for your perusal. Listed here are options and information about recycling tires, paint, paper shred events, e-cycle (electronics) household hazardous waste, bulky waste, and medications. There's also info on free composting workshops and how and where to purchase compost bins.

Spring 2014 @ your Library

"My guess is it will be about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in search." ~ Craig Silverstein Director of Technology, Google.com.

From the Director's Desk

Going somewhere? Let the Library help!

As we wait for spring and finally summer to arrive it's fun to think ahead and plan exciting vacations. Whether you are traveling near or far the library can help. We have an extensive travel collection to get you started.

Start with one of our guide books. We have just about every country covered and all the states. Not going far? Then choose a title with local interest like ***New York City with Kids*** or ***50 Hikes in NJ***.

National Parks are where I like to vacation. Check out ***The 10 Best of Everything—National Parks*** for a multitude of ideas. Once a trip is planned use the library to find other books with information about your destination. For example, if you are visiting Yellowstone National Park, check out a book on geysers and western wildlife. Watch our Yellowstone video too. This plan works especially well with children and gets them excited about what they'll see and do.

Looking for a unique vacation? How about a "short-term adventure that will benefit you and others"? Check out our book of ***Volunteer Vacations***. Maybe you want a vacation with a literary theme. How about ***The Oxford Guide to Literary Britain & Ireland?***

And don't forget travel directions! Our upcoming program ***How to Navigate with Google Maps*** will get you anywhere in the world!

Even if you never leave your arm chair, it's still fun to plan and dream.

Marilynn Mullen

Library Hours and Closings

Monday to Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Closed Saturday, May 24, Monday, May 26
and Friday, July 4.**

May 31 through September 6 the library
will close at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

From Youth Services

Children's Book Week is May 12 - 18!

While I'm happy we choose to honor children's books this special week, at the library we honor books for kids every day! If your child doesn't have a public library card, get them one and let them use it. Do your children have a hard time picking out titles? Ask a librarian for ideas. If you're looking for a way to work reading into your family life, get a library card for yourself and make going to the library a habit.

We have a new program at the library - **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**. Read just three books a night for a year and you'll read more than 1000! Join up and see that your child is prepared for school in the best possible way. Be sure to sign up for summer reading too. It's an easy way to incentivize reading during vacation.

Jan Murphy

From the Tech Librarian

How do you Google?

With the summer travel season approaching, are you starting to map out your road trips? Google Maps is a great way to help you navigate anywhere in the world. The latest Google Maps draws you a map for every search and click you make. So whatever you're trying to find or wherever you're trying to go, you'll always have a map highlighting the things that matter most.

As the next part in our Google Instructional Series join me on **Wednesday, May 14th at 1:30 p.m.** for **How to Navigate with Google Maps**. Learn how to use the interactive mapping features, find the best way to get where you are going, and how to use special features, such as street view. Find restaurants, shops, and places of interest along your route. **BYOD: Bring Your Own Device** if you would like to be hands-on or just come and learn hands-free.

As always if you are in need of technology assistance stop by my desk or call for an appointment. I'll be happy to help!

Joanne Dera

What's Happening @ the Library

Of Interest to Adults

Author Talk - Growing up Green: Living, Dying, and Dying Again as a Fan of the NY Jets **Friday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Andrew Goldstein discusses his book and what it means to be a sports fan.

Bites for Books - A 'Novel' Way to Fundraise. **Monday, May 12 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Join library friends and neighbors for dinner at Teddy's Restaurant. Teddy's will donate 20% of your bill to the Cranbury Library Foundation.

How to Navigate with Google Maps **Wednesday, May 14th at 1:30 p.m.**

Learn all the features offered by Google maps to help you plan a vacation. BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

Photos of New Jersey by Greg DeAngelis **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for a reception with the photographer as he talks about his photo display.

Cinema and Television: The NJ Connection **Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

From Edison's Black Maria Studio to Reality TV, Walter Choroszewski showcases NJ's popularity as a location for movies.

WWI Retrospective

Friday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

It's been 100 years since WWI. Join Jane Holland as she revisits this period of our history.

Community Read-In at the new Library **Wednesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.**

Grab a book and a blanket and head over to the site of the new library. Chose a spot to spread out a blanket and read with your family and friends. Enjoy a picnic if you like or purchase ice cream from the Lions cart. Rain Date Thursday, July 31.

Spinning Yarns Craft Circle

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the Gambino Room for an hour of knitting, crocheting, crafts and conversation. All levels welcome.

Quilting with Friends

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

All quilters are welcome to come in and help us quilt.

Library Book Discussion Groups

3rd Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and

4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

For information on what we are reading check our events calendar or go to our Pinterest boards at pinterest.com/cranburypl. New members are welcome.

Special Events for Kids

Mother's Day Cards

Thursday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Drop in and make your Mom a special card.

Second Saturday S.T.E.M. Story Time

"And the Green Grass Grows All Around!"

May 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and and make a silly guy that grows hair! Appropriate for ages 3-5 with caregiver. Registration required.



Children's Book Week is May 12 - 18

This week children's books can be returned FINE FREE!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Starting May 12

This initiative encourages preschoolers and their parents to read together. The goal is to read 1000 books before kindergarten. Pick up materials at the library.

Stitch a bookmark

Tuesday, May 13, at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 8 and up.

Be Drug Free

Monday, June 9 at 3:30

Girls Scouts tell you how to be drug free!

This summer Fizz, Boom Read!

Picarillo Sciencetelling

Wednesday, June 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Petting Zoo

Tuesday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Community Read-In

Wednesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Toddler Stay and Play

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

We start with stories, songs, finger plays, and reading readiness activities, all appropriate for 18-36 month-olds. Then everyone stays and plays!



Check out the new View.

CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL AND GOURGAUD GALLERY

The following activities are scheduled for the Gourgaud Gallery from April to June 2014:

April 6 - 27: Paul Norris
May: TBA
June 6 - 27: Watercolorists Unlimited: reception June 1st from 1-3 p.m.



Art in the Park is starting in May. Look for schedule by the end of April on our website.

See the schedule and times of Artist receptions on the Cranbury Arts Council Web site: <http://cranburyartscouncil.org/GGCalendar.html>.

As part of the non-profit Cranbury Arts Council, the Gourgaud Gallery donates 20% of any art sales back to the Cranbury Arts Council and its programs that support and promote the Arts in our community. The Gallery is located in Town Hall and is free and open to the public 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 are held on the first Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Gourgaud Gallery can obtain an application in the gallery or at www.cranbury.org. Check the Gourgaud Gallery site on Facebook and Gourgaud Gallery Blog for information on upcoming programs and events. If you are interested in CAC membership or participating in any way, please email us at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com.

CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL'S ART AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP



Registration is well underway for Cranbury Arts Council's Art and Technology Camp, which will run June 30th - July 25th. Registration has gotten off to a strong start, with many families taking advantage of our new online registration option. This year's camp will feature all the traditional favorites, including an expanded, full-day theater camp, and over 20 new camps for students in Grades K-9. To learn about all the exciting options we have available, and to check the enrollment status of individual camps, visit our web site (www.cranburyartscouncil.org.)

Be sure to stop by CAC's table at the Drug-Free Fair on May 17th. Once again this year, our creative artists will be available for face painting. We hope to see you there!



RECREATION UPDATE

Register now for Spring Programs

Don't miss our spring programs, most of which start the end of April. Programs include youth golf lessons, tennis lessons, spring soccer, and multi sports camps. Information on Spring Programs can be found online at www.cranburytownship.org or at www.ussportsinstitute.com.



Don't miss out on Summer Day Camp

Registration is currently underway for the Summer Day Camp including Junior Day Camp (students entering Grades K-4) and Senior Day Camp (students entering Grades 5-8). We have exciting new trips, two trips per week for the Senior Day Camp, additional space in the school for more indoor programming as well as swimming.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Before and after camp care will be available. Registration forms and information is available at Town Hall and online at www.cranburytownship.org.

Register now for Summer Sports Camps

Registration for all Summer Sports Camps is currently underway. Programs offered include Multi Sports Camp (for ages 5-12), the Sports Squirts Camp (for ages 3-5). Basketball Camp for ages 6-12, and two, one-week sessions of Tennis Camp (for ages 6-14). You can register online for these programs at www.ussportsinstitute.com.



Senior Center News

Any Senior Groups wishing to use the Senior Center need to schedule through the Recreation Office. Please call (609) 395-0900 x *243.



Free Seated Exercise Classes

Held every Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. Stop in and check it out!

Senior Mailing List

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 *243.

Luncheon Programs

The Senior Center hosts luncheons and programs every other Friday. A charge of \$3.00 per person for lunch is collected at the door. Registration for the luncheon must be made at least one week in advance by calling the Recreation Office at 395-0900 x *243. You do not need to register ahead of time if you are only attending the program. Join the mailing list to receive information on upcoming luncheon programs or call the Recreation Office for program information.





CRANBURY HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society's Pot Luck Supper meeting will be held on Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury on South Main St. Please bring a place setting and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Meghan Wren will present the program on NJ's tall ship, *AJ Meerwald*, and the history of the Delaware Bay.

The Cranbury Museum exhibit, "At Long Last...Summer," will open on Sunday, April 27, 1-4 p.m., at our Museum at 4 Park Place East. Featuring treasures of the sea and seashore, the exhibit includes oil paintings, watercolors, a rare sea glass collection, antique whale bone, shells, Sailor Valentines, ephemera, vintage toys and souvenirs and will continue through. Celebrate summer and visit the Cranbury Museum on Sunday afternoons, 1-4 p.m.

Please join us at the History Center **on Wednesday, May 7, 10 a.m. for the first Cranbury Wassail planning meeting.** Cranbury Wassail is a tour of homes decorated for the holidays with refreshments and characters from history. This year's event will take place on Saturday, December 13.

Historic Cranbury Walking Tours leave from Cranbury Museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, June 15, June 22 and July 6. For reservations, please call tour guide Richard Moody at 609-651-0693.

On Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church Brass Band will give a concert at the Parsonage Barn on Cranbury Neck Road. Please bring a chair or blanket.



On Thursday, June 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., the Society will hold its "Almost Summer" Fund-raiser at Gil & Bert's. Please stop by and enjoy ice cream served by CHPS Board members!

On Saturday, July 12 at 9:45 a.m., a special tour will begin in Cranbury and include Monmouth Battlefield. For information and reservations, please call Richard Moody at 609-651-0693.

Please mark your calendar now for **Saturday, November 15** when CHPS will host a celebration of **New Jersey's 350th Anniversary** with dinner and dancing at the Cranbury Inn. Our

RECYCLING BATTERIES



The Township of Cranbury participates in a no cost battery recycling program. Rechargeable and button batteries are accepted in the DPW office at Town Hall. Simply deposit your rechargeable batteries in the box provided. For a complete list of acceptable rechargeable batteries visit this link:
<http://www.call2recycle.org/materials-accepted>.

Since this program began in 2010 Cranbury residents recycled .11 tons that year; in 2011 residents recycled .08 tons; in 2012 residents recycled .21 tons of rechargeable batteries! No official 2013 tonnage yet.

ABOUT CALL2RECYCLE

Call2Recycle® is the only no cost 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 www.call2recycle.org.



ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

Attention HOAs within Cranbury Township-please contact the DPW office at 609-395-0900 ext.*222. 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.

For the HOAs that have contacted us with updated contact information, thank you! For those HOAs that need to contact us, Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

NEW JERSEY'S PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

Were you aware that you can dispose of prescription medicines through the **New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop**? Several locations are offered in Middlesex County for proper prescription medication disposal. New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop offer secured drop boxes placed in the headquarters of local police departments. Consumers from anywhere in New Jersey can visit the boxes seven days a week, to drop off unneeded and/or expired medications - and keep them away from those at risk of abusing them.



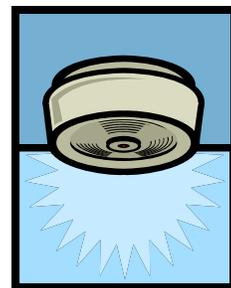
The drop boxes accept solid pharmaceuticals such as pills, capsules, patches, inhalers, and pet medications. They cannot accept syringes or liquids. For more information about this program and locations throughout New Jersey visit: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/locations.htm>

PROPER DISPOSAL OF SMOKE ALARMS

Old smoke alarms should not be discarded into your trash. Sending these old alarms back to the manufacturer for proper disposal is best via the USPS mail system. There are many manufacturers so be certain to send them the appropriate detector. Information for returns can be found on the Middlesex County webpage: http://co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste_other.asp

In addition to the above link, Kidde smoke alarms for disposal can be mailed to:

KIDDE SAFETY-UTC Fire & Safety,
"DISPOSAL ONLY",
1016 Corporate Park Drive,
Mebane, NC 27302.



BOARD OF HEALTH

REMINDER DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Reminder: Please renew your dog or cat license. Please make checks payable to Cranbury Township or bring exact change to the Main Office at Town Hall. Dog and Cat License forms can be found on the Township's website, www.cranburytownship.org, or please stop by the Township offices to complete one.

Per state law, a license cannot be issued if the rabies certificate is not current. Failure to license could result in a summons being issued.

***As of April 1, only 136 dogs and 16 cats have been licensed.*

RABIES CLINIC RESULTS

Saturday, March 29, 2014

64 dogs and 14 cats

For the dogs, 18 were from Cranbury, and 46 from out of town. For the cats, 3 were from Cranbury, and 11 were from out of town.

Rabies Clinics in Middlesex

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 next Cranbury clinic in September, 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.

Mosquitoes!!

Prevent Mosquito breeding sites: Eliminate standing water (especially in the shade) on your property by disposing of empty cans, buckets, old tires, trash cans, etc. Those you want to save, turn upside down frequently or punch holes in the bottom so water drains out. Change water in birdbaths at least once a week. Empty flower saucers. Clean clogged roof gutters. Empty plastic pools and other toys when not in use. Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquitoes.

For full info on West Nile, see the County Health Department's fact sheet:
<http://co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/WNV%20fact%20sheet%20June%202012.pdf>

TICKS!!

Lymes Disease is serious business! If you have been bit by tick, SAVE THE TICK and get it identified by the doctor.

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 helps 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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REINHARDT PRESERVE: GRAND OPENING! Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 p.m.



The trails are almost ready! Come celebrate Cranbury's newest Preserve! Trail tours, bird watching, guided nature walk, giveaways and trail mix are on the agenda for the opening!

The Environmental Commission has been working hard this past year to develop a hiking trail in the Reinhardt Forest Preserve, which is located on Plainsboro Road (approximately 1,000 feet west of Petty Road). Work began in the fall to mark the trails, remove vegetation and fallen timber and continued this spring with blazing the trail, cleaning out trash, making a sign, constructing trail maps, planting trees and reworking the parking lot.

Barbara Rogers, Environmental Commission Chairperson

Environmental Commissioners John Persico, Paul Mullen, Andy Johnson and Dave Marabello (all pictured in photo) along with Marilyn Mullen, Bob Rogers and the PHS Environmental Club, put in long hours in the effort to get the property ready for opening day. With the help from Boy Scout Troop 52 and, especially Commissioner Paul Ginoux, the park sign was constructed and erected.



The finished trail is over one mile long and offers views of farms, wetlands, and forest. Pileated woodpeckers have already been spotted!

This trail clearing project and its grand opening is partially funded by a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC).

STREAM CLEAN UP

STREAM CLEAN UP: The most ever number of volunteers, 69, for Cranbury, came to the trash "treasure hunt", otherwise known as the Annual Stream Clean-Up! The 8th annual event on Saturday, April 12 was sponsored by the township Environmental Commission and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Volunteers canvassed Village Park, the catch basin behind the Firehouse and the Reinhardt Forest Preserve, and picked up over 594 pounds of garbage and recyclables in 65 bags! The most common item was glass – shards and bottles. The most unusual items were a life buoy ring, coconut shells, a TV, stuffed animals and twenty tires. Thanks to Jerry Thorne and his Public Works crew, all of the trash was hauled away immediately. Jonny Borg found a stuffed monkey!



Thank you to all who participated and, especially, to Jerry Thorne and his Public Works crew! If you didn't get to come out this year, mark your calendar for a Saturday in April next year! It's a fun and worthwhile way to spend an hour or two for the beauty of the Cranbury Brook and the surrounding watershed. The event and enthusiasm in our Town keeps growing each year---although we would prefer that one day everyone would take care of their own trash!

Reinhardt Forest Preserve



This trail was developed with the assistance of a grant from ANJEC and is maintained by the Cranbury Department of Public Works and the Cranbury Environmental Commission. If you encounter a problem along the trail, please call 395-0900 x-222 or x-306.

Caution: Seasonal rains may flood certain areas of the trail.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

OPEN SPACE AND NO NET LOSS REFORESTATION

Phase III of the No Net Loss Reforestation Project continues this spring with the planting of a total of 300 trees on five different township owned locations --- Cranbury Brook Preserve, Village Park, Barn Park, Reinhardt Preserve and the Fischer Property.

According to subcommittee members, Cranbury Brook Preserve and the Fischer Property will each receive 100 trees. Native trees will be planted in Cranbury Brook Preserve to begin to replace exotic plants and reforest an open space enjoyed by many Cranbury residents. The Fisher Property, currently used for agriculture, will have a border of trees planted along the wooded area of the property to create a new walking trail from South Main Street to the Hagerty Property on Old Cranbury Road. This new trail will provide access to public lands and connect Fisher Property with the trail in the Hagerty Property.

Two other parks, Village Park and Barn Park, will have trees planted along their borders to provide privacy for homeowners and to beautify the parks.

Reinhardt Forest Preserve, a newly acquired township open space property on Plainsboro Road, will receive 50 trees to enhance staggered lines of trees already planted as part of Phase II. These trees will provide shade for cars in the parking lot and help guide patrons to the entrance of the Preserve's brand new hiking trails. The addition of these trees on township properties will create a more sustainable environment and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Cranbury.

SUSTAINABLE AQUAPONIC PROGRAM

Two rain barrels donated by the Green Team to Cranbury School have become a catalyst for an exciting new sustainable Aquaponic Program being introduced FOR Cranbury School students. The barrels, donated to promote the importance of water as a vital natural resource, will provide the water for this innovative project, which is being spearheaded by Susan Lepardo, Cranbury School's enrichment teacher.

Mrs. Lepardo has found an exciting and hands-on way to introduce students to principles in science, technology, engineering, math and art through aquaponics, a re-circulating water system that supports and grows fish and crops together. Fourth grade students and two teachers, Mrs. Christine DeJesus and Mrs. Catherine Pippin, have already been hard at work. They researched and prepared questions for students with an aquaponic system at a school in Tennessee. They were connected to the students in Tennessee via Skype and were able to talk about and see an aquaponic system in real time. The opportunity provided quite an incentive for the Cranbury students and staff to pursue this ambitious project!

Students from this year and in future years will be responsible for the upkeep of water levels, the health of the fish and the harvesting of plants. All involved are hopeful that the weather will cooperate and the students' seedlings will be able to grow by the end of the school year.

The Green Team is excited to partner with Chief School Administrator Dr. Susan Genco and her staff to educate our Cranbury youth about the environment and sustainability.

SUSTAINABLE PROJECT IDEAS

If you have any ideas for sustainable environmental projects in Cranbury, Please contact the Environmental Commission at the Township. Thank you!!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



CALLING ALL CRANBURY 8TH GRADERS

Forms have been distributed for the fifth annual Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award! The deadline for submission is May 6. 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. An 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.

PARKS COMMISSION

NEW SECTION FOR "PARKS AND OPEN SPACE" ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

The Parks Commission, in consultation with the Recreation and Environmental Commissions, added a "Parks and Open Space" feature to the Township's website last year. Citizens can now review its 11 parks and open spaces and see what features they each have (tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds, port-a-johns, etc.), where they are located, and their histories.

Simply click on "Parks and Open Space" to the left of the Township's home page and that will take you to a chart summarizing the features for each park/open space. Click on the one you want and it will take you to a description of its location, directions/parking, acreage, features, reservations, and description/history. Reservations for certain activities are necessary and, if so, there is a link to the proper application form. There are also links to maps and descriptions in the 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan Element of the Master Plan.

Cranbury's parks and open spaces comprise over 230 acres and span over 60 years of acquisitions--from the half-acre Memorial Park originally honoring World War I and World War II veterans in 1949 to the 61 acre Reinhardt Preserve for nature walking in 2011. Village Park, which has the most features, comprises 19 acres along Brainerd Lake, was first dedicated in 1964 and was used initially as a nursery to replace township trees.

We hope you'll take advantage of this new website feature and enjoy our parks and open spaces. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for the website or our parks/open spaces, please contact the Parks Commission secretary at 609-395-0900, Ext. *306. The Parks Commission thanks Deputy Clerk Jean Golisano, Committeeman Dan Mulligan and the Township website consultant for their considerable help and assistance in making this new website feature possible.

SHADE TREE

NEW TREE PLANTING

You can plant trees in the spring, but it's very important that they be watered regularly until they are established, generally until mid-fall when the trees begin to go dormant.

Dig a hole only as deep as the root ball but twice as wide. This allows the new roots to spread easily in looser soil. If the soil is heavy clay, as is true in some areas of Cranbury, it should be broken up and looser soil, grit, and compost should be added to fill the hole. Always lift the tree by the root ball or container, not the trunk. Always remove ALL of the wrappings, twine, or basket from around the root ball. Contrary to popular belief, roots will not grow through burlap or basket wires, and twine around the base of the trunk will strangle the tree!

Firm the soil around the ball, but gently, don't stomp on it. Do not plant the tree more than two inches above the soil line. Many contractors will plant trees as much as 12 inches above the soil, then mound up mulch around the trunk. But tree roots develop in the top 12 inches of soil, so planting too high means the tree will not flourish. The roots will form in a circle of mulch and will eventually girdle the tree. Since trees grow slowly, it will take them a long time to die if planted improperly.

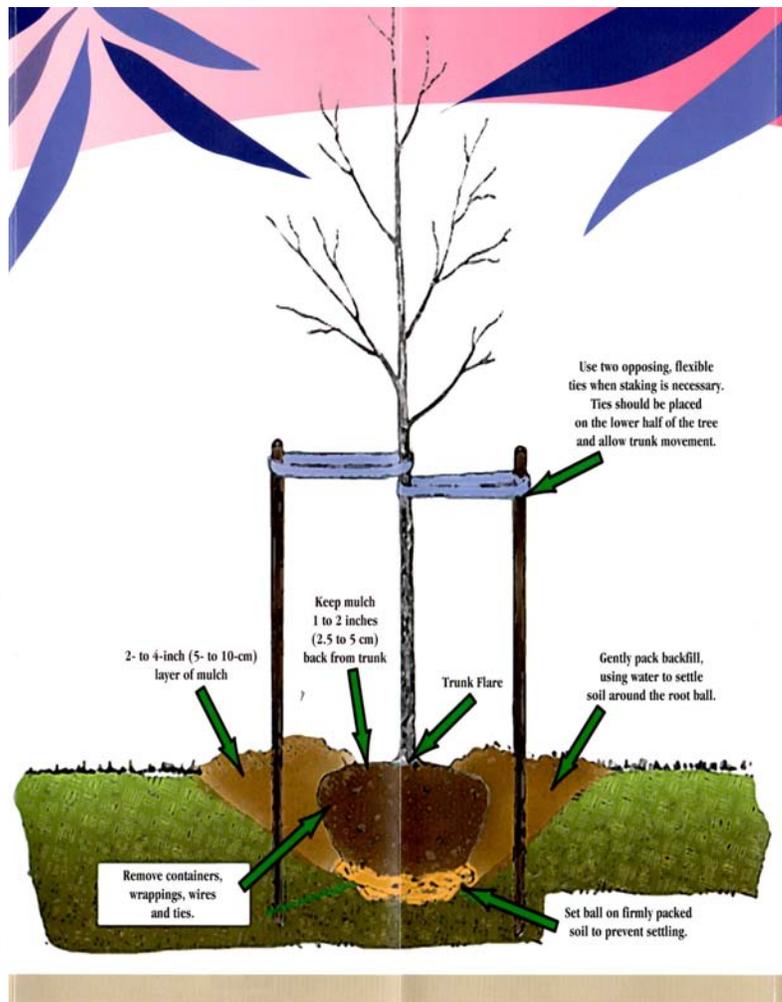
Stake the tree, but only if necessary in a windy or exposed site. Studies have shown that trees develop better and more flexibly if not staked. In any case, remove the stakes after 6 months.

Mulch the base of the tree two inches out from the flare of the trunk to a circle about 18 inches to two feet wide. Mound the mulch into a moat at the edge of the circle, and don't under plant the new tree with any other plants or grass for four years. The tree needs to be free from competition for that time period to flourish properly.

Keep the soil moist but not water-logged. Generally, water the tree about once a week until it is established. In hot and dry conditions with no rain, it may be necessary to water twice a week. Poke your fingers into the mulch to check the soil on top of the root ball. If it is dry, water the tree but don't overdo it. If you are able to do so, run a barely trickling hose to the base of the tree and leave it there for about an hour. That should be sufficient.

Prune the tree as little as possible for the first year of growth. After that, prune only for correct growth. Never hack away at the tree, and never, never "top" the tree by cutting off the top-most branches. It's more sensible to plant a smaller tree and let it grow into the site than to plant a tall one and then hack it into size.

All this information can be accessed online at treesaregood.com and isa-arbor.com as part of the International Society of Arboriculture. They can answer questions about all aspects of tree planting.



MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE



DRUG FREE FAIR
May 17, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



School Playground

Food Court:

Bagel Barn, Gil and Bert's, Zinnas, Kona Ice, Philly Pretzels



Entertainment

Bungee Basketball

Hi Striker—test your strength

Chess matches

Teen Tent

Lots more activities to earn your free tee shirt



NEW THIS YEAR!!!!
World Cup Soccer Shoot Out
Win a soccer ball

Recycle your old soccer balls at the fair.

GOLDEN AGERS

Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors thank the Recreation Commission for sponsoring the Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors! Through the efforts of Dawn Maisano, Recreation Secretary, and Golden Age Neighbors Rose Eller and Phyllis Bialor, the May Senior Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills is completely filled, and there is a waiting list!! If you missed out on this trip there will be another Senior bus trip in the fall. The Township pays for the bus and the Seniors just pay for the restaurant and show. Watch for the next trip in a future newsletter, check with the members of Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors, or come to the Cranbury Senior Center where this information is announced.

Golden Age Members volunteer as Greeters at The Gourgard Gallery the first Sunday of each month. The Gallery is open during Township hours, but can only be open on the first Sunday of the month when there is someone to open it to visitors. We also have members who visit The Elms of Cranbury to take games and food treats to brighten the day of the residents. This is enjoyed by both the residents and the members who share their time to entertain the residents.

Members will be having a meal out at one of the local restaurants in May. If you are interested in joining the Club, give President Betty Conover a call at 609-860-0156. Membership dues are just \$10.00 a year and with that membership paid, when the Club has a meal out, members only pay \$5.00 for the meal. Meetings are held usually on the third Saturday of the month, usually in the Cafeteria of the Cranbury School. Our potluck lunches are sponsored by local organizations and there is always entertainment or a program of interest about our town. We would be happy to see you, get to know you, and you to know us!

CRANBURY WOMAN'S CLUB

Our club year is winding down, but that does not mean we will become inactive.

Each month we have routinely donated to either Women Aware, Skeet's Pantry, or RISE. A new Special Club Project working with the Family Support Services at the Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst; specifically the Hearts Apart Program was instituted and received graciously. We also completed our two year giving to the State Project, Family Promise. The Special State Projects are decided by a majority vote from all the clubs at the convention in May.

Sue Westerberg and Phyllis Bialor attended the 105th NJSFWC Public Issues Day. The theme was "Volunteers Strengthen America." We both agreed that the morning session with the Tails of Hope Foundation, Inc and SSgt. Allison Price from Joint Base M/D/L and her dog were the highlight and inspired us to bring back information supporting them.

A few of our members contributed in our District's Spring Conference/Achievement Day with entries in photography, knitting, and baking.



We hope you will support our fundraiser on May 10th when we will be selling geraniums in front of Teddy's from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Proceeds will go toward Cranbury Beautification. Of course some of you may have prepaid your order or had your child purchase geraniums at the school on May 9th. The school sales go toward the eighth grade annual awards from the club.

We are once again selling Skoy cloths. Call Sue Westerberg (655-5659) or Audrey Smith (655-5361) for purchase information. They will also be available on Cranbury Day.

At our annual meeting on May 14th we will install new officers, award two Cranbury high school seniors with scholarships and present recognition awards to two of our members. Please contact Janice Altieri (609-619-3860) Membership Chairman if you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about our federated club.

Look for us in the Memorial Day Parade.

WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Woman's Club of Cranbury will be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to Cranbury Township students who will be entering their first year of post-secondary education. The student should demonstrate a commitment to community involvement.



To apply, obtain an application from the Guidance Office at your High School or the website www.womansclubofcranbury.org. Submit the completed application to The Woman's Club of Cranbury, (PO Box 94, Cranbury, NJ 08512) on or before April 30, 2014.

Any questions, please contact Marna McDermott (609 395-1845) or Debbie Taylor (609 655-0581).

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

JUDSON HAGERTY, 70 YEARS A LION!



The Cranbury Lions held their joint meeting with the Hightstown-East Windsor Lions at Teddy's on March 12, 2014. Lion Judson Hagerty was given a finely decorated Lions rocking chair to recognize his 70 years of service as a Cranbury Lion.

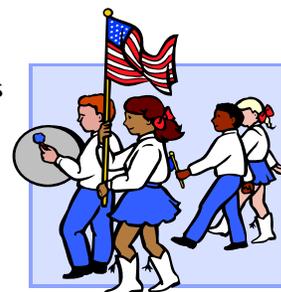
LION OF THE YEAR — ALEX JOHNSON

The Cranbury Lions awarded Lion Alex Johnson its 2013-2014 Lion of the Year award at its meeting on April 2. The Lions have been awarding this award yearly since 1970. Mr. Johnson joined the Lions in February of 2001 and moved up quickly in the club, becoming president in 2005-2006. The Lions gave Alex the highest award that a club can bestow on a member, the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, in April of 2005.



MEMORIAL DAY

The 81th annual Cranbury Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27th. The Parade will begin at 1:00 pm and 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. The Lions will also be holding their spring raffle. 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. There will be a ceremony featuring a key-note speech from Cranbury's Mayor Susan Goetz immediately following the parade.



DROP BOX FOR HEARING AIDS AND EYE GLASSES



The Lions Club has a drop box for hearing aids and eye glasses in Town Hall. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!!

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

Chipping of brush and branches commences on the third Wednesday each month. Keep in mind that this is the start date and not necessarily the day the DPW crew will be in front of your house chipping. The same route schedule is used as the leaf collection service.

Below are regulations according to Township Code Chapters §69 and §121. They are listed on the notices that have been and will be delivered to offenders. It seems like a lot but after reading through, an understanding of how these regulations help aid the DPW personnel to move swiftly and efficiently becomes evident.

- Residents must notify the DPW of requests for chipping services by the Monday before the third Wednesday of the month.
- Brush should be placed curbside no sooner than the weekend preceding the third Wednesday of each month.
- All material to be chipped should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. by the scheduled collection date (3rd Wednesday of the month). Material placed curbside after the scheduled collection date or time will not be chipped.
- All material should be stacked parallel to the curb or as near to the curb as possible, not in the street or on the sidewalk. Place the larger cut branch ends together so they follow the flow of traffic. Incorrect placement is considered to be in violation of the code and may not be collected.
- Items must be placed parallel on the curb or along the street that is directly abutting your property line.
- Branches exceeding 8" diameter cannot be chipped. Brush should be at least 3' in length. Although 3' is the minimum length, longer branches are much easier to chip.
- Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches less than 3' (but not less than 1') must be bundled with string only (NO WIRE) and free of foreign debris, such as, stones, dirt, metal, sweepings and rakings.
- No construction material or landscape construction material and debris, lumber, mulch, roots, stumps, or sand and soil at the curb will be collected.

The intention is to help you understand the protocol of this valuable chipping service. Violation notices will continue to be sent to offenders. The first 3 notices are warning notices. The 4th notice will result in a \$500 a day fine. If you have any questions about the above regulations, please call 395-0900 ext. *229.

Chipping (begins every Wednesday in the month) and Leaf Collection (begins March 31st)Route Schedule

Beginning at:

North Main Street, from Rt.130 South	Cranbury Green
Plainsboro Road	Station Road and Cranbury Station ham- let
Prospect Street	Stockton Drive
Bunker Hill	Evans Tract
Cranbury Neck Road	Maplewood Avenue
Symmies Court	Park Place
Wynnewood Section	Westminster Place
Old Trenton Road	Wesley Place
Shadow Oaks (both sides)	Scott Avenue
South Main Street, north of the circle	Cranbury Estates
(continue on to top of right column)	Cranbury Walk

If your street is not listed, please call Town Hall at 395-0900 ext. *229 to be placed on the list for service.



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.



PET ETIQUETTE and BEING A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

This little article once again needs to be brought to certain pet owners' attention. Yes, there are pet owners who feel it not necessary to clean up behind their pets! And there are some BIG dogs out there whose pet owners really should carry a couple plastic bags to pick up after them. And don't even bother to bend down to do the fake scoop the poop move!!

Township Ordinance #162-2.1B states that "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". Township Ordinance #162-3 Violations and penalties: Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Judge. It's easier and cheaper to be a responsible pet owner, clean up after your pet! Others are watching!

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, ext. *229 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>

CAPITAL BUDGET THRU MARCH 31, 2014

	ACCOUNT NO.	TOTAL EXPENDED + ENCUMBERED TOTAL	ORDINANCE	% OF BUDGET EXPENDED
PW Vehicles & Equipment 06-05-16	C-04-55-907-025	\$223,635.86	\$231,400.00	96.6%
Municipal Parking Lot- 03-01-04 (Traffic Circulation)	C-04-55-914-025	\$85,562.53	\$90,000.00	95.1%
Sewer System Upgrades 04-03-04	C-04-55-923-026	\$967,716.47	\$1,000,000.00	96.8%
Sewer System Upgrades 06-05-16	C-04-55-923-125	\$178,107.46	\$178,258.38	99.9%
Babe Ruth Ballfield 04-03-07	C-04-55-931-026	\$29,738.26	\$33,965.00	87.6%
Purchase Open Space 05-03-09	C-04-55-932-025	\$36,959.25	\$40,000.00	92.4%
Pump Station Assessment 04-99-13/05-13-16	C-04-55-972-025	\$3,446,556.12	\$3,450,000.00	99.9%
Equipment Storage Barn 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-028	\$61,418.16	\$71,250.00	86.2%
Master Plan Roadway 04-05-09	C-05-55-906-034	\$18,834.86	\$42,750.00	44.1%
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	\$179,762.02	\$180,750.00	99.5%
CPR Mannequins, AED Pads 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-030	\$1,856.00	\$2,000.00	92.8%
Affordable Housing 3rd Round Misc Costs 04-06-08	C-05-55-910-035	\$157,796.08	\$328,219.33	48.1%
Defibrillators and Pads 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-026	\$3,918.25	\$4,370.00	89.7%
Various Municipal Road Improvements 03-07-05	C-05-55-913-033	\$122,674.26	\$150,000.00	81.8%
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%
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	\$2,125.00	\$5,000.00	42.5%
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	\$650.96	\$800.00	81.4%
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	\$64,397.04	\$65,797.04	97.9%
Restoration of Updike Barn 07-09-14	C-05-55-920-025	\$39,391.96	\$40,500.00	97.3%
6 AEDs, Pads and Training Units 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-029	\$12,326.56	\$17,500.00	70.4%
Zurfluh Driveway Relocation 04-10-04	C-05-55-922-032	\$34,314.19	\$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	\$17,799.93	\$20,000.00	89.0%
Reinhardt Easement 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-026	\$0.00	\$275,000.00	0.0%
Brainerd Lake Dam 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-031	\$840,101.81	\$948,120.00	88.6%
Misc Drainage Issues 05-11-12	C-05-55-926-032	\$7,631.91	\$34,000.00	22.4%
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	\$49,752.30	\$150,000.00	33.2%
Kurek Farmland Easement 04-12-07	C-05-55-931-025	\$237,133.32	\$245,000.00	96.8%
Replacement of Pistols 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-025	\$882.00	\$3,600.00	24.5%

CAPITAL BUDGET THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 (CONTINUED)

	ACCOUNT NO.	TOTAL EXPENDED + ENCUMBERED TOTAL	ORDINANCE	% OF BUDGET EXPENDED
3 Mobile Radios 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-027	\$5,521.60	\$6,000.00	92.0%
Sound System Upgrade 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-029	\$1,750.97	\$2,000.00	87.5%
Color Scanner/Printer/Copier 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-030	\$12,811.00	\$13,000.00	98.5%
Brainerd Lake Raking 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-032	\$9,576.00	\$10,000.00	95.8%
Snow Plow Pick Up 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-033	\$29,970.00	\$31,000.00	96.7%
Police Computer Workstations 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-034	\$21,809.01	\$23,099.45	94.4%
Fire Company Radio System 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-035	\$112.40	\$4,000.00	2.8%
Fire Company Radios 04-12-08	C-05-55-932-036	\$10,908.75	\$11,000.00	99.2%
Replacement of Pistols 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-025	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	0.0%
Backup Main Repeater 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-026	\$9,547.17	\$9,600.00	99.4%
1 Mobile Radio 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-027	\$1,982.50	\$2,000.00	99.1%
Brainerd Lake Maintenance 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-028	\$7,900.00	\$20,000.00	39.5%
Brainerd Dam Improvement 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-029	\$4,512.88	\$710,000.00	0.6%
1 Unmarked Chevy Tahoe 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-030	\$39,716.19	\$39,900.00	99.5%
Miscellaneous Road Repairs 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-033	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	0.0%
Fire Company Utility Truck 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-036	\$391,220.00	\$400,000.00	97.8%
Replacement of Computer Equipment 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-037	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.0%
New Scada System w/Recorders 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-038	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	0.0%
Village Park Pavilion Fireplace & Chimney 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-039	\$7,000.00	\$10,600.00	66.0%
Large Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-040	\$125,740.10	\$137,000.00	91.8%
Protinick Farmland Easement 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-041	\$0.00	\$435,000.00	0.0%
Acquisition of Water Tower Property 04-13-11	C-05-55-933-044	\$17,413.00	\$185,000.00	9.4%
Upgrade Town Hall & Police Network 05-13-17	C-05-55-934-025	\$46,259.00	\$47,000.00	98.4%
TOTAL			\$1,215,600.00	

OPERATING BUDGET JANUARY - MARCH 2014

Account Description	EXPENDITURES		2014	% of BUDGET
	2014 BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2014	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	\$240,251.00	\$59,598.15	\$180,652.85	24.81%
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	\$26,950.22	\$6,219.24	\$20,730.98	23.08%
MUN/CNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
FINANCIAL ADMINSTRATION	\$181,277.00	\$44,106.42	\$137,170.58	24.33%
AUDIT	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,500.00	0.00%
TAX COLLECTION	\$28,979.00	\$4,272.00	\$24,707.00	14.74%
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$131,428.00	\$15,717.80	\$115,710.20	11.96%
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	\$2,000.00	\$27.25	\$1,972.75	1.36%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$122,250.00	\$10,299.76	\$111,950.24	8.43%
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	\$64,000.00	\$12,730.57	\$51,269.43	19.89%
PLANNING BOARD	\$146,616.00	\$14,534.23	\$132,081.77	9.91%
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	\$53,189.00	\$11,403.68	\$41,785.32	21.44%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$134,885.00	\$12,685.26	\$122,199.74	9.40%
FIRE OFFICIAL	\$117,026.00	\$9,331.29	\$107,694.71	7.97%
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$10,958.00	\$2,116.22	\$8,841.78	19.31%
INSURANCE	\$933,884.00	\$287,546.72	\$646,337.28	30.79%
POLICE	\$2,204,886.00	\$469,878.63	\$1,735,007.37	21.31%
911 PROJECT	\$5,095.00	\$1,139.88	\$3,955.12	22.37%
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	\$60,382.00	\$60,382.00	\$0.00	100.00%
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
FIRE	\$160,875.00	\$25,125.21	\$135,749.79	15.62%
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$272,226.00	\$85,239.64	\$186,986.36	31.31%
SHADE TREES	\$32,206.00	\$967.85	\$31,238.15	3.01%
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	\$27,000.00	\$1,620.63	\$25,379.37	6.00%
RECYCLING PROGRAM	\$56,577.00	\$9,952.27	\$46,624.73	17.59%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$96,440.00	\$17,684.54	\$78,755.46	18.34%
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$63,500.00	\$8,595.78	\$54,904.22	13.54%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$2,670.00	\$554.57	\$2,115.43	20.77%
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$3,596.00	\$969.00	\$2,627.00	26.95%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$16,828.00	\$1,737.45	\$15,090.55	10.32%
BOARD OF RECREATION COMM	\$35,691.00	\$1,948.50	\$33,742.50	5.46%
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	\$77,021.00	\$10,719.22	\$66,301.78	13.92%
PUBLIC LIBRARY - MAINTENANCE	\$522,192.00	\$80,611.63	\$441,580.37	15.44%
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENT	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
ELECTRIC	\$85,500.00	\$7,831.41	\$77,668.59	9.16%

**OPERATING BUDGET
JANUARY - MARCH 2014
(CONTINUED)**

Account Description	EXPENDITURES		2014	% of BUDGET
	2014 BUDGET	JAN-MAR 2014	BUDGET LEFT	EXPENDED
STREET LIGHTING	\$95,000.00	\$14,104.74	\$80,895.26	14.85%
TELEPHONE	\$55,295.00	\$13,819.68	\$41,475.32	24.99%
WATER	\$12,000.00	\$1,996.11	\$10,003.89	16.63%
GAS (NATURAL OR PROPANE)	\$28,000.00	\$11,896.64	\$16,103.36	42.49%
SEWER SYSTEM	\$422,656.00	\$74,797.08	\$347,858.92	17.70%
MOTOR FUEL	\$89,400.00	\$24,130.93	\$65,269.07	26.99%
P.E.R.S.	\$158,189.00	\$0.00	\$158,189.00	0.00%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$244,293.00	\$52,374.01	\$191,918.99	21.44%
P.F.R.S.	\$315,169.00	\$0.00	\$315,169.00	0.00%
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROG.	\$2,281.00	\$312.96	\$1,968.04	13.72%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$5,548.52	\$0.00	\$5,548.52	0.00%
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT	\$30,946.00	\$0.00	\$30,946.00	0.00%
911 PROJECT	\$112,200.00	\$0.00	\$112,200.00	0.00%
RECYCLING - MCIA SERVICES	\$46,758.00	\$7,808.28	\$38,949.72	16.70%
COUNTY HEALTH CONTRACT	\$19,608.42	\$4,902.11	\$14,706.31	25.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE	\$6,024.00	\$936.00	\$5,088.00	15.54%
MIDDLESEX CO UTILITITES AUTH	\$320,000.00	\$50,421.57	\$269,578.43	15.76%
MONROE TOWNSHIP UTILITY AUTHORITY	\$118,000.00	\$0.00	\$118,000.00	0.00%
MUNICIPAL/COUNTY COURT	\$200,000.00	\$40,371.46	\$159,628.54	20.19%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDA	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$1,534,066.00	\$695.00	\$1,533,371.00	0.05%
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT ON NOTES	\$695.00	\$0.00	\$695.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON BONDS	\$576,223.00	\$0.00	\$576,223.00	0.00%
INTEREST ON NOTES	\$75,277.50	\$75,068.39	\$209.11	99.72%
EDA LOAN - PRINCIPAL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
EDA LOAN - INTEREST	\$225.00	\$112.50	\$112.50	50.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE PRINCIPAL	\$85,434.91	\$0.00	\$85,434.91	0.00%
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE INTEREST	\$7,941.85	\$413.06	\$7,528.79	5.20%
DEFERRRED CHARGES	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$181,054.00	\$0.00	\$181,054.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$4,802,285.20	\$374,160.52	\$4,428,124.68	7.79%

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP REVENUE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014

	January - March	2014 REVENUE	% OF REVENUE RECEIVED
Library Finance Fee		\$3,000.00	0.00%
Licenses, Fees & Permits	\$ 360.00	\$34,083.00	1.06%
Municipal Court	\$ 15,767.66	\$190,246.00	8.29%
Interest & Cost on Taxes	\$ 3,588.40	\$55,480.00	6.47%
Interest on Cash on Deposit	\$ 7,894.71	\$86,351.00	9.14%
Miscellaneous-Alcohol Beverage License		\$7,500.00	0.00%
Tax Title Lien Interest	\$ 132.12	\$905.00	0.00%
Franchise Fee		\$12,775.00	0.00%
Sewer Service Fees	\$ 78,071.58	\$1,418,617.00	5.50%
State Aid:			
Energy Receipt Tax		\$467,020.00	0.00%
Grants:			
Municipal Alliance		\$5,548.52	0.00%
Construction Trust		\$20,000.00	0.00%
Fire Official Fees	\$ 629.00	\$78,005.00	0.00%
Reserve for Sewer Fair Share		\$4,000.00	0.00%
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		\$168,457.00	0.00%
Capital Surplus		\$45,000.00	0.00%
Hotel Tax	\$ 10,560.48	\$172,046.00	6.14%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 117,003.95	\$ 2,769,033.52	4.23%