

Cranbury Township 3rd Quarter 2016 Newsletter

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS—2016

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FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Election News



The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

District 1 voters should report to the "Boy Scout Room" in the lower level of Town Hall. Districts 2 and 3 should report to the "Senior Room" also located in the lower level of Town Hall.

The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and Town Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The last day the County Clerk can received "Mail-In Ballot" requests by mail for Primary Election is November 1, 2016.

Voter Registration Forms and Mail-in Ballot request forms are available on the Township's web site: www.cranburytownship.org. The forms are on the Home Page, just click on the link and you will be directed to the forms.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REMINDER: DOG AND CAT LICENSES

All dogs and cats must be licensed in the Township. 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 July 1, 452 dogs and 50 cats have been licensed.*

FREE RABIES CLINIC:

Saturday, September 17, 2016
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Cranbury Fire House

Protect your pet and your family!

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 Natalie Bujalski, Cranbury's Health Officer, at 609 395-0900, ext. * 237, 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) by disposing of empty cans, buckets, old tires, and trash cans. (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, basketball net stands 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 bitten by a tick, **SAVE THE TICK** and get it identified by the doctor.

REMINDER: Septic Tanks

Summer is a good time to maintain your septic system. Please remember to have your septic tank cleaned on a scheduled basis. This helps ensure that your and your neighbor's drinking water remains clean and protected from contamination. It is recommended that your septic system be cleaned every two years, depending on the number of people living in your home, the amount of wastewater generated and the volume of solids in your wastewater.

Fall 2016 @ Your Library

"I just love getting the NextReads newsletter emails. I had to come down right away to check out this new mystery book." ~ Cranbury Public Library patron

From the Director's Desk

This fall the library is partnering with two township commissions to inform residents of environmental concerns and resources in our town. Even a small town such as Cranbury is filled with recreational spaces inhabited by diverse species of plants and wildlife. It is our job to protect these resources and safeguard our natural areas.

On **Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.** the library will host a program on the **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**. Shade Tree Commission member Kathy Easton will present a short video explaining this tree-killing pest and its potential effect in Cranbury. More information is available at the NJ Department of Agriculture Website at www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/emeraldashborer.html.

In October and November, as part of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission's Sustainable Jersey – Community Education and Outreach Program, members of the Commission will be presenting a discussion of the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). What is the Environmental Resource Inventory? It is a 111-page document that records and describes natural resources in Cranbury, including wildlife, wetlands, and water resources, as well as open space. On two Thursdays, **October 20th and November 17th at 7:00 p.m.** members of the Environmental Commission will be highlighting Cranbury's various natural resources and discussing open space in Cranbury. Presenters will also describe the ERI and how the Township's Boards and Commissions use it, in conjunction with the Township's Master Plan, to protect the Township's environmental resources. The complete document with several maps can be found on the Township's Website.

Marilynn Mullen

Library Hours

Monday to Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library Closed August 4-6, September 3,5 & 10

After Labor Day Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From the Tech Desk

The library now has Rosetta Stone!

With this new database you can learn up to 30 languages or improve your English. This effective, easy-to-use program allows you to learn a new language on your own.

Access **Rosetta Stone** from our website at www.cranburypubliclibrary.org. Go to the Research tab, then e-Resources. Choose **Rosetta Stone** from the list of databases. Create your account and select which language you would like to learn. There is also a mobile-app called *Learn Languages with Rosetta Stone*. Get the free app from your device's app store, but before you open it, go to **Rosetta Stone** through the library website and login. Next choose **Launch Rosetta Stone Language Lessons Version 3**. This will open your lessons in the app. If you would like help accessing or using the app, just stop by the library - we'd be happy to help you.

Joanne Dera

From Youth Services

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child will be available at the library on July 31! The title, **in script form**, is based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is the eighth story in the Harry Potter series and the first official Harry Potter story to be presented on stage. The play will receive its world premiere in London's West End on July 30, 2016.

Below is the description of the story from Amazon.com:

It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children.

While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.

Jan Murphy

What's Happening @ the Library

Of Interest to Adults

Color Me Calm

August 17 & September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Come to the library to 'color away' your stress. We'll provide all materials and refreshments to enjoy while you relax with your neighbors and unwind.

Bonnie Watson Colman

Monday, August 15 at 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Representative from the Congresswoman's office will be here to answer any questions you might have.

Library Day / Assemblyman Wayne Deangelo

Wednesday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Representative from the Assemblyman's office will be here to answer your questions about NJ government.

Cranbury Day - Picture Yourself at the Library

Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by the library table to get your picture taken and placed in the new library! \$2 donation/picture.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Threat

Saturday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission member Kathy Easton will present a short video explaining this virulent pest and it's potential effect in Cranbury.

Internet Safety for Seniors

Thursday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn how to protect yourself, your computer and your privacy while using the Internet.

Who Kidnapped the Lindberg Baby

Friday, September 30, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Join author Jim Davidson for a discussion on the many theories of who kidnapped the Lindbergh Baby.

Cranbury's Environmental Resource Inventory

Thursday, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The Environmental Commission presents a discussion of Cranbury's ERI. The ERI highlights key natural resources in Cranbury, including wildlife, wetlands, and water resources, as well as open space in Cranbury.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wed. & Thurs. Oct. 26 & 27 at 1:00-4:00p.m.

This two-part refresher course is specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

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.

Library Book Discussion Groups

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

4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

New members always welcomed. See us on GoodReads at Cranbury Public Library Book Chat.

Special Events for Kids

Toddler Story Time

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Early literacy story time that helps prepare children with future reading skills. First we sing, read, and talk. Then we **stay and play!** Ages 12-24 months with caregiver.



Nature's Makers craft sessions

Starting in September at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

A special bi-monthly event for middle school students. Using exclusively natural materials, create reed baskets, beeswax candles, wooden bird houses and other useful, beautiful objects. Grades 6-8.

Cranbury Gamers League

Starting in September at 3:30 p.m.

Play Super Smash Bros. with your friends after school at the library! Meets weekly.



Spark Club!

Starting in September at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Spark your creativity and join our brand new Spark Club! Create, learn, and design with activities such as Lego Stop-Motion Animation, Ozobot Coding Robots, Makey-Makeys, and much more! The Spark Club will meet monthly.



K'Nex Mini-Golf Construction

Coming in October at 3:30 p.m.

Join us for 2 days to design and build a miniature golf hole using K'Nex Mini-Golf building set. Then play it! Ages 8 and up.



Check our Library Events Calendar in September for programs dates.

Borrow ebooks and eaudiobooks with



Just click on this logo on our Webpage.



CRANBURY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

There is still time to visit Cranbury Museum, 4 Park Place East, to see the current exhibit, “Merchants of Main Street: A Stroll Through the Shoppes of Cranbury's Past” that will close on Sunday, August 21. A new exhibit, “Sparkle and Shine: A Century of Costume Jewelry” will open on Cranbury Day, September 10. The Museum is open most Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Please stop by the CHPS table on Cranbury Day, September 10. Several special Cranbury items including new pillows, note cards, shadowbox prints, tea towels, key rings, pens, glass mugs and bracelets will be available. Orders will be taken for autumn plants.



Historic Cranbury Walking Tours will continue on Sundays in October.

Tours leave from Cranbury Museum, 4 Park Place East at 2:00 p.m. For dates and reservations, please call tour guide Richard Moody at 609-651-0693.

For a self-guided walking tour, please pick up a copy of the Historic Cranbury Walking Tour booklet available in the pocket by the front door of the Cranbury History Center. The Historic Cranbury Walking Tour DVD is available for \$5.00 at the History Center, open Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

To become a member of Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society, please visit cranburyhistory.org or stop by the CHPS table on Cranbury Day.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CRANBURY

The Woman's Club will be starting the year off with their annual Luncheon and Silent Auction on September 7th at Mercer Oaks. Please contact Jane Elias at 860-0882 billelias@aol.com or Joan Aprigliano at 619-3860 joepauljoan@verizon.net for further information about the luncheon or just to find out more about the Woman's Club of Cranbury. The Woman's Club will also have a table on Cranbury Day, September 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone. Look for the Blue Balloons that will hopefully be swaying in the breeze!

CRANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers! Junior and full memberships available. We provide the training and equipment, an incentive program, a LOSAP program, and much more! For more information, call 609-395-0633 or visit www.Cranburyfire.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CURBSIDE RECYCLE PROGRAM

Remember to place your recyclables at the curb for an early Monday morning pick-up on the scheduled dates. For information on scheduled dates and acceptable items visit:

<http://www.mciauth.com/curbside/CRANBURY%20Recycling%20Brochure%202016%20Blue.pdf>

REMINDER ALERT: no curbside pick-up on September 5th due to Labor Day. The rescheduled pick-up day is Saturday, September 10th.

BACKYARD COMPOST BINS

Want to make your own compost? Interested in making your plants happy? Well then, you should be composting! More information on how and where to purchase composting bins can be found: <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Composting.aspx>

CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

Cranbury Township offers curbside chipping service for tree branches, shrubbery and other yard clippings commencing on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the start date and depending on the amount of chipping at the curb, the DPW may not necessarily be in front of your house chipping brush. To help residents understand the process and to have it become more efficient, below are some important and helpful procedures:

1. It is recommended that residents notify the DPW office to request chipping service by the Monday before the third Wednesday of the month.
2. Brush should be placed curbside no sooner than the weekend preceding the third Wednesday or as otherwise scheduled or announced.
3. All material to be chipped should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. by the scheduled collection date (yes-the third Wednesday of the month). Any material placed curbside after the scheduled collection date or time will not be chipped. Please understand that the DPW will not return or back track to your property while working the scheduled route once they have passed by.
4. All materials should be stacked parallel to the curb or as near to the curb as possible. Take care not to place them in the street or on the sidewalk. Place the cut branch ends together so they follow the flow of traffic.
5. Items must be placed parallel to the curb or along the street that is directly abutting your property line.
6. 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.
7. Hedge clippings, twigs, and small branches less than 3' (but not less than 1') must be bundled with string only (NO WIRE) and must be free of foreign debris such as stones, dirt, metal, sweepings and rakings.
8. No lumber, construction material, roots, stumps, mulch, sand, landscape construction material and debris, or soil left at the curb will be collected.

It is the intention to help you understand the protocol of this valuable chipping service. Should you not understand any of the above regulations, please contact the Department of Public Works at 395-0900 *229. Thank you for your consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL

Over the recent months, reports of wild animals living in residential back yards have been received. The Cranbury Township Animal Control Officer would like to remind everyone that calls and complaints concerning lost, stray, injured or nuisance domestic animal as well as suspect rabid, wild or domestic animals and vicious dogs reports is taken very seriously.

According to N.J.S.A 4:19-15, the capture of stray domestic animals, as well as wild animal rabies vectors (i.e., raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, and bats) threatening the safety and health of residents will be acted upon. If you have wildlife animal(s) living in your back yard, perhaps under a shed or in a rock garden and you desire to have it relocated, the ACO does not perform this task. It is advised that a pest or small animal control contractor be called for this task. They can be found in the yellow pages or an internet search. Preventative measures such as capping chimneys and securing trash cans, etc. should be taken to prevent small animals from making themselves a home in your home.

If you have a small animal complaint or concern, call the Cranbury Police Department at 395-0031.

The Animal Control Officer would like to remind everyone to register your family pet dog and or cat at Town Hall. Doing so will help aid the return of a lost pet.

SIDEWALKS AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The DPW has received a couple queries about sidewalks. Please read the following so that you are aware, according to Township Ordinance §116-4 GROUNDS, A-Sidewalks and roadways:

1. Shrubs, bushes, tree branches and other vegetation should be trimmed so as to prevent encroachment on the adjacent sidewalk and roadways.
2. Shrubs, bushes, tree branches and other vegetation should be trimmed and maintained such that a vertical clearance of at least seven feet is created above the sidewalk to permit easy passage on the sidewalk.
3. Shrubs, bushes, tree branches and other vegetation should be trimmed and maintained such that a vertical clearance of at least 14 feet is created above the roadway to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles.
4. Poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac and similar noxious vegetation shall be trimmed so as to prevent encroachment on the adjacent sidewalk and roadways.
5. At no time shall vegetation be permitted to obstruct the sight lines at the intersection of two roadways or the intersection of a commercial driveway and a roadway.

For residents who have a public walkway along their property, a simple shrubbery encroachment test for is to walk with someone along the sidewalk and if either of you needs to duck out of the way of overhanging greenery, it needs attention. Please keep these procedures in mind when tending to your yard. If you hire a lawn maintenance service, please share this article with them.

POSTING of SIGNS

Whether it is a garage sale, moving sale, barn sale, wedding, family reunion, company picnic etc., this message serves a friendly reminder. If you have posted signs on utility poles or have anchored a sign in the ground to post or advertise your event, remember to remove and property discard of all posted signs when your event is over.

CRANBURY LIONS CLUB

OVER THE SUMMER.....

The Cranbury Lions Club installed their new Board of Directors, with Lion Elaine Homoky inducted as President for the year 2016-2017.

THIS FALL.....



Cranbury Day- Once again, the Lions will provide food service on September 10th for Cranbury Day, and we will hold our annual **Duck Race**. The Duck Race will start with a parade beginning at 1:30 pm at the DJ, marching behind an inflatable duck on a tricycle and eventually arriving at Brainerd Lake, on the Memorial Park side, for the race.

The Cranbury Lions will be hosting our annual Golden Agers Luncheon at the Cranbury School Cafeteria Saturday, September 17th, at noon.



The Lions will host a Wine Tasting at Teddy's on Saturday, September 24th. This is a new fund raising event and we hope you can join us for a night of good wine and food!

The Cranbury Lions Club will host a picnic outing at Working Dog Winery in Robbinsville for club members and their guests.

The date is to be decided.



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING

The annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving contest will be held tentatively on October 28th at 7:00 pm. This event is co-sponsored by the Cranbury Lions Club and the Cranbury School PTO and held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Enjoy cider, donuts, face painting, spooky music and more!



THIS WINTER.....



The **Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Come for a great breakfast and pictures with Santa!

The Christmas House Decoration Contest will be held during the week of December 12th.



MEMBERSHIP.....

As always, The Cranbury Lions continue to seek new members who would like to get involved and serve the community. Please call Membership Chairperson, Jon Goldstein (409-9656) if you have any questions or would like to join the club.



"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.

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

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Emerald Ash Borer Alert

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a tree-killing non-native pest first detected in New Jersey in 2014. In late May of this year, EAB was found in Cranbury Township. The Shade Tree Commission (STC) was notified by a resident, and the NJ EAB Task Force was informed.

STC started work immediately on an EAB Management Plan with assistance from members of the NJ EAB Task Force, and input from the Township Administrator and the public. Although an ash tree inventory is incomplete at the time of this writing, it is in progress. Assessment of the number, location, health, and circumference of Cranbury street ashes is necessary to make a management cost calculation. ID tags may be affixed to ash trees during the inventory process.

No ash trees were planted as part of the No Net Loss Reforestation project.

Homeowners with ash trees in their landscape, woodlot owners, and residents interested in learning more about the emerald green and shiny copper insect are advised to visit:

www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov

Cranbury Free Public Library will show a brief educational video about EAB for the public on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. Members of the Shade Tree Commission will be present to answer questions.

IMPORTANT: Spread the message, “**Don’t Move Firewood.**” Visitors who bring infested firewood to second homes or campgrounds near you put your trees at risk.



Photo credit: Jeff Geist, NJ Department of Agriculture

CRANBURY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

SHOP LOCAL

Take part in our SHOP LOCAL promotion. Pick up a Shop Local Card at any business in Cranbury Township. When you have visited 10 different businesses drop your stamped card off at First Consti-tution, Teddy's or Cranbury Pizza. We have a gift waiting for you.

Second Fridays: enjoy entertainment downtown as you shop and dine. Individual stores will have special offers.

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| Friday, August 12 | The Blurry Minds | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday, September 9 | Ian Gallagher - Irish Music | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. |
| | Kim and Steph - Country Tunes | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday, October 7 | Tone Rangers - Classic Hits | 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. |

Don't Forget about Cranbury Day - Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Main Street will shut down at 7:00 a.m. to through traffic to allow vendors to set up. If you're involved with the 5K Run, you will have to use Maplewood Avenue and Scott Avenue to access South Main Street.

Enjoy great music all day at the Post Office and the Methodist Church:

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| Tone Rangers | Bill and Bob |
| Danielle's Jazz Quartet | Ed Goldberg's One Man Band |
| School of Rock | Much more! |

The Mummers Uptown String Band strolls through Town at 10:00 a.m.
Helicopter Rides back on the Township Soccer Fields cost will be about \$45
The Lion's Club Rubber Duck Race at the Dam
Fantastic food, vendors, activities for the kids including a blow up

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HPC Applications for Homeowners in the Historic District

This is a reminder that owners of historic properties can attend any HPC meeting to have a preliminary discussion on their renovation plans prior to submitting a formal application. Just call Linda Scott at 609-395-0900, *229 to let her know that you will be coming and confirm your place on the agenda. Once you submit an application, if it requires HPC review at a scheduled meeting, it is beneficial that you attend in order to answer any questions that may arise in order to process your application more efficiently.

Also, during any renovations to historic properties, it is highly recommended that owners save any salvageable historic architectural details from the exterior of the house that are removed in order to help preserve Cranbury's history for a future owner.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CRANBURY

The Woman's Club will be starting the year off with their annual Luncheon and Silent Auction on September 7th at Mercer Oaks. Please contact Jane Elias at 860-0882 billeliias@aol.com or Joan Aprigliano at 619-3860 joepauljoan@verizon.net for further information about the luncheon or just to find out more about the Woman's Club of Cranbury. The Woman's Club will also have a table on Cranbury Day, September 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone. Look for the Blue Balloons that will hopefully be swaying in the breeze!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION



NOW OPEN---Pin Oaks Loop Trail!

A new trail was cleared, blazed and constructed by Boy Scout Troop 52 and the Environmental Commission this past spring on the Hagerty Property off Old Cranbury Road. The trail along the Millstone River was carefully designed to preserve the riparian vegetation, trees and shrubs that protect the stream bank from erosion and the river from pollutants and runoff, and allow scenic views of the waterway.

Enter the trail at the “Pin Oaks Loop Trail” sign and meander along the river and among the trees. Exit the forested area and continue the loop trail among the native trees planted several years ago by the township as part of the No Net Loss Reforestation Program. Listen carefully and you may be able to hear a few of the 21 different bird species that were recently identified along the trails (see list below). Was it a mockingbird or a red-winged black bird? In certain areas, please be careful of the poison ivy vines clinging to the trees and growing along the ground--leaves of three, leave them be!

Hunter Pormilli completed the project for his Eagle Scout project. Environmental Commissioner, Paul Mullen, created and posted GPS trail maps and repaired the wooden bridge. Thank you Hunter and Boy Scout Troop 52 for making this property accessible to the public! Get outside and enjoy the trail!

List of birds identified in just one hour: Chimney Swift, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, Fish Crow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Finch, American Goldfinch



RECREATION COMMISSION

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www.cranburytownship.org

September 11 – Cranbury Canoe Races on Brainerd Lake - 1:00—3:00 p.m.; visit www.cranburytownship.org/rec_programs.html



September 17 – Cranbury Camp Out at Village Park - pre-registration required; visit www.cranburytownship.org/rec_programs.html

CRANBURY COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

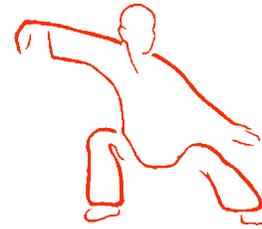
Any Senior Groups wishing to use the Senior Center need to schedule through the Recreation Office. Please call (609) 395-0900, ext. *243.

Free Seated Exercise Classes



Classes will begin again in September and are held every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Senior Center. Stop in and check it out!

Tai Chi The Supreme Ultimate Exercise for Health



Classes are held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Methodist Church. (Classes are held in Town Hall this summer.) Contact the Recreation Department at 395-0900, ext. *243 for information.

You cannot win if you do not begin!!
Chinese Proverb

Luncheon Programs

The Senior Center hosts luncheons and programs the second and fourth Friday of the month. 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, ext. *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.

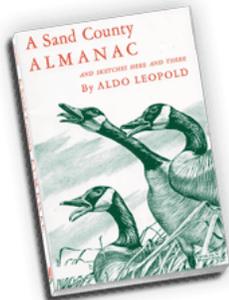
Senior Mailing List

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 * 243.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

ENJOY NATURE IN COMFORT AT THE CRANBURY BROOK PRESERVE!

Miles Reinfelder, a Cranbury resident and a 2016 graduate of Princeton High School, constructed and installed two wooden benches in Cranbury Brook Preserve. He chose to build a bench designed by Aldo Leopold, an American environmental conservationist and writer. Leopold's writings regarding the idea of wildlife preservation effectively began modern conservation movements. The objective of these two benches, placed towards the farther end of the preserve trail, is to encourage exploration further into the preserve (and perhaps also to incite looking into Aldo Leopold's life and ideas). Made from pressure-treated pine, they are built to last a long time outdoors. They should provide comfort, with which one can better appreciate nature. So, hike Cranbury Brook Preserve, find one of the benches, relax and enjoy your surroundings!



“There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays (A Sand County Almanac) are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot.” - Aldo Leopold

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS – SCHOOL STUDENT LIAISON

Thank you to Jonathan Lin, the Cranbury School student council president, for representing Cranbury School as student liaison to the EC at our monthly meetings. The liaison position was created as part of the school's Green Team to foster collaboration with the Environmental Commission and Cranbury School students on sustainability activities within the school. Jonathan kept the Commission abreast of recycling and upcycling drives at Cranbury School and worked with the EC to expand these efforts town wide. Thank you, Jonathan!

MEISS ENVIRONMENTAL APPRECIATION AWARD

At the annual Awards Night at the Cranbury School on June 3rd, 8th grader Katie McDonnell was awarded the seventh annual Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award! The award was established in 2010 by the Environmental Commission to honor past resident Alfred Meiss, who was instrumental in preserving and protecting natural spaces that Cranbury residents enjoy today. The award is presented annually to the 8th grade student who is an environmental role model for fellow students, Cranbury School and the community. Congratulations Katie!



CRANBURY DAY IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Come visit our booth at Cranbury Day on Saturday, September 10 and meet your Township Environmental Commissioners! Stop by for updated trail maps, the newest geocache coordinates and learn where you can hike and enjoy the outdoors right here in Cranbury! We will have information on stormwater management and community sustainability initiatives. Participate in nature activities, play the annual “What’s in the Box” game and get a temporary tattoo or other prizes!



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Join the Discussion! Learn about Cranbury's Natural Resources

As part of the Sustainable Jersey – Community Education and Outreach Program, members of the Commission will be presenting a discussion of the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). The presentations are scheduled for **7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20th and Thursday, November 17th at the Township's Public Library**. The presentation will highlight key natural resources in Cranbury, including wildlife, wetlands, and water resources, as well as discuss open space in Cranbury. It will also describe the ERI and how the Township's Boards and Commissions use it, in conjunction with the Township's Master Plan, to protect the Township's environmental resources.

NEW GEOCACHE LOCATIONS

As part of its "Cache In, Trash Out" initiative, the Environmental Commission recently placed geocaches in two of its walking trails, the Unami Woods and the Pin Oaks Loop Trail, bringing the total number of EC-sponsored geocaches to three. The coordinates for these three geocaches are as follows:

- Reinhardt Forest Preserve:** N 40° 19.424 W 74° 32.502
- Unami Woods:** N 40° 18.521 W 074° 31.610
- Pin Oaks Loop Trail:** N 40° 17.765 W 074° 31.600



The EC is planning on placing two additional geocaches in Cranbury walking trails later this summer. For more information about Geocaching and the "Cache In, Trash Out" initiative, see the Environmental Commission's website at

http://www.cranburytownship.org/environ_comm_main.html

SUSTAINABLE PROJECT IDEAS AND SCHOOL GREEN TEAM MEMBERS WANTED

If you have any ideas for sustainable environmental projects in Cranbury or are interested in joining the school Green Team, please contact the Environmental Commission at the Township offices. The school Green team members promote sustainability and green initiatives in Cranbury School and include teachers, staff, students, parents and community members. Thank you!

**digital
Cranbury Camera Club**



Meetings held **EVERY** month
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

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

See our Web Site for Contacts and Details:
www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org

GOURGAUD GALLERY AND CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS:

AUGUST 7-28 Creative Collective Group
SEPTEMBER 11-25 Winter Workshop Series (Closed September 4th - Labor Day Weekend)
OCTOBER 2-30 Photography

Artist Receptions are held the first Sunday of the exhibit from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. As part of a non-profit Cranbury Arts Council, the Gourgaud Gallery donates 20% of art sales to the Cranbury Arts Council and its programs that support Arts in our community. The Gallery is located in Town Hall and is free and open to the public Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is also open the first and third Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to exhibit can obtain an application in the Gallery or at www.cranburyartscouncil.org or www.cranbury.org. Like the Gourgaud Gallery page on Facebook and join the Gourgaud Gallery blog at www.Gourgaudgallery.blogspot.com. If you are interested membership the Cranbury Arts Council, contact us at cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com.

ART IN THE PARK

August – 121 Plainsboro Rd., Cranbury NJ
September 18 – Princeton Battlefield, 500 Mercer Rd., Princeton NJ
October 9 – 171 Plainsboro Rd., Cranbury NJ

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER: A Brush With Nature

October 1, 2016 - Live Painting at the Cranbury Brook Preserve on the West Property

Join us for a glimpse into the creative process of artists painting en plein air, (which translates to in the open air). Numerous local artists will use the natural light, color, and movement of the landscape around them to create beautiful works of art right before your eyes. Stroll through the autumn landscape and enjoy the scenery through the artists' eyes and then join us at Molto Bene's newly opened loft space for drinks, food, and entertainment. All of the paintings will be on display and available for auction. Visit cranburyartscouncil.org for more information about this exciting event!

CAC's Art and Technology Camp had another wonderful year, running over 40 camps for children in Grades K-9. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, campers, and the administration of Cranbury School, all of whom made this year such a success! We are looking forward to bringing more fun and excitement to campers next year.

Coming this fall: CAC will once again be offering a **Kids' Theater Company Fall Musical**, under the direction of camp Theater Director Gary Charwin. Look for more information on our website! The Cranbury Arts Council is pleased to congratulate our award winners for 2016!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Cranbury School presented the eighth grade winner of the Tamara Woronczuk Art Award to Lili Wang, and the winner of the John McClernan Music Award to Emily Matcham. The students' dedication and talent were recognized at the Cranbury School Awards Night, and Cranbury Arts Council presented each student with a \$100 award.

The Excellence in the Arts Award was presented to Princeton High School Senior Caroline Purdy at the recent PHS Awards Night. Caroline was given an award in the amount of \$2000 and a certificate acknowledging her accomplishments, dedication, and talent in theater arts. She will pursue theater in her future college endeavors.

The Cranbury Arts Council looks forward to providing these awards to graduating Cranbury School eighth graders and Princeton High School graduating seniors who have shown excellence in the arts for many years to come.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING OLD FRIDGES AND FREEZERS

If you are in need of disposing of a refrigerator or freezer (both need to be in working order), visit this site for details on how you can get paid for your appliance, with free pick up included. <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/refrigerator-freezer-recycling-program>. This is a NJ clean-energy program.

Or you may opt to have the Cranbury Twp. DPW pick up the appliance(s) for only \$10 per item. Arrangements must be made by calling 395-0900 *229. The last day to schedule a pick-up is the Monday before the scheduled 2nd Wednesday of the month. Appliance(s) should be placed near your driveway entrance for easy removal.

Another option is for you to bring the unit to the DPW yard when the Recycle Shed is open, the first Friday of the month, between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Due to limited personnel, be prepared to unload by yourself.

2016 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS (HHW)

The remaining 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days are scheduled for the following dates with hours from 8am – 2pm.

Saturday, Sept. 17^h Woodbridge Department of Public Works, Woodbridge
Sunday, Nov. 20th Middlesex County College, Edison

This free service is open to all Middlesex County residents. For particulars as to what is and is not accepted or for directions to the event, visit the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste website at: <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Solid-Waste-Management.aspx> other additional information about different recycling programs can be found here as well. One item not listed but accepted are household fire extinguishers.

2016 SHRED EVENTS

Shred events are scheduled throughout Middlesex County sponsored by Middlesex County Solid Waste Management. Visit the below site for more information:
<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Paper-Shredding-.aspx>

CLEAN UP WEEKEND - September 2016

Clean-up weekend is scheduled for September 24th & 25th rain or shine. As usual, large bulky items will be accepted at the DPW yard for you to discard. Household trash, hazardous waste, paint, or construction debris is not acceptable materials. This event is open to Cranbury residents only. Be prepared to show proof of residency.

If you have items like paint or household hazardous waste visit the county website at:
<http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Solid-Waste-Management.aspx>

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG-MARK OUT

If you plan on performing work anywhere on your property where digging such as excavation or demolition is involved. and to prevent damage to underground utilities, you must call **1-800-272-1000** before work begins. If you hire a contractor to perform this type of work it is the responsibility of the contractor to call for mark outs. For more information on mark outs visit <http://www.nj1-call.org>.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LEAF COLLECTION

From the beginning of May through the end of October, leaf piles should not be at the curb for collection. If you or your landscaper have placed leaves at the curb, please remove them until the start of autumn leaf collection.

Autumn leaf collection will begin October 24th and will continue up through the week of December 27th. Residents may place leaves between the sidewalk and curb in the right of way (ROW) week-end prior to October 24th. If you live in an area where there are no sidewalks or curbs, place the leaves close to the street. Should parking be allowed on the street in front of your house and there is no room available for the leaf piles due to parked cars, please place the leaves in an area where the DPW crew will be able to see and gain access to them. A driveway entrance or the nearest street corner is a good place. There is the possibility that the DPW crew will not see the pile, so call Town Hall at 395-0900 *229 and inform us where the leaf pile has been placed.

Tall ornamental grass **can** be collected using the leaf vacuum. It is requested that this item be placed in a separate pile and not mixed in with the leaves. Branches, vines, grass clippings and other debris **cannot** be collected with the leaf vacuum. These items can cause a safety issue and will break the equipment. Be watchful of placement of the debris at the curb and in the street, non-point source pollution (NPS) if washed down the storm drains can occur.

Leaf Collection Schedule

Beginning at:

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

Residents not living on the above route but need the leaf collection service should call 395-0900 *229 to be placed on the schedule. Barring inclement weather, the amount of leaves, personnel and or machinery breakdowns, the route usually takes approximately 2 to 2 ½ weeks to complete.

During the final leaf collection week of December 27-30, 2016, once your leaf pile has been collected, do not replenish it. The DPW is trying complete this task before inclement weather arrives.

Please do not place leaves at the curb for collection from January through March and May through October. Thank you for your cooperation!