

SENIOR CONNECT

DECEMBER 2022



Hello Everyone!

Senior Connect is a convenient and easy way to stay informed about what's happening in Lawrence Township.

Our goal is to connect people in our community. If you know a senior in Lawrence Township that would like the newsletter, print it out for them and deliver it with a friendly smile! Blackand-white copies are available in the Municipal Building.



Municipal Events: December

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Municipal Clerk 609-844-7001

Boards and Committees: December

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	3 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	10	17 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	24	1 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
	2 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	9 Senior Executive Committee	16 Zoning Board Meeting (canceled)	23	30 Zoning Board Meeting (Special Meeting)
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Senior Center Calendar - December 2022

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Announcements / News

Municipal Building Closing

The Municipal Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas. Recycling on December 26th is cancelled, the make-up day is December 31st.

Tax Payment Notice

Please be advised that the last day to pay your property taxes and sewer payments using our on-line payment feature will be December 9th. The system will be unavailable until mid-January 2023.

Tax Collector 609-844-7041

Leaf Collection

The Lawrence Township Public Works Department began leaf collection November 1 and will continue through December 31. The Township will assign (1) one leaf collection crew to each brush zone for approximately eight weeks of collection. Each crew will continue to collect leaves in your zone on a "street by street" basis through December 31, 2022. Residents can expect three (3) collections during this period.

Public Works: 609-587-1894

Improving Communications with the Community

A seemingly very long time ago, the days before the world health pandemic called Covid-19, the members of our governing body and I had discussions about making a more substantial effort to improve communications with the community and better support our local businesses. Operating our municipal government in a fiscally conservative manner (i.e., with departments appropriately staffed - but not overstaffed, and maintaining the services we provide at a level acceptable to a reasonable person standard - but not more), the concept of improving and delivering something new and more to the residential and business community translated into a commitment beyond using what we had and making it better; a thought process that has and will be the first consideration.

Over the past several years, advancing this plan was "tabled" for budgetary reasons to minimize tax increases and maintain the good services we provide to our residents and business. Also, and just as important, we had not found the "right person" for a position that would be unique to our municipal operations and advance our effectiveness as a municipal government serving its community.

About a year ago, a young man responded to our advertisement for a position within our recreation department. Nancy Bergen (Superintendent of Recreation) reviewed his resume, was intrigued by his qualifications and interviewed him. Nancy came to my office after the interview and recommended that I meet with him because her sense was he may be perfect for the long-unfilled position we called "Community Aide." She told me she was impressed with him and his ideas and skillset and believed the Township might be better served with him in this role as opposed to working in her department. So I met with Craig Dinwoodie, and I agreed. It was one of those times as a manager when having an "open door policy," creating an environment of trust and a sense of "team" to empower your staff, paid off and continues to daily. Well done, Nancy!

Craig was hired about eleven months ago and has worked to define his role within our municipal operations and community in a manner consistent with the vision of our elected officials. Whether it is improving the delivery of information to the community in the digital landscape of social media, creating the monthly "Senior Connect" for the elderly, being the first point of contact for businesses (new and existing) to assist in their interactions with various municipal departments and the community, or working with Township committees to advance their missions, he finds himself in the mix in a lot good and positive ways.

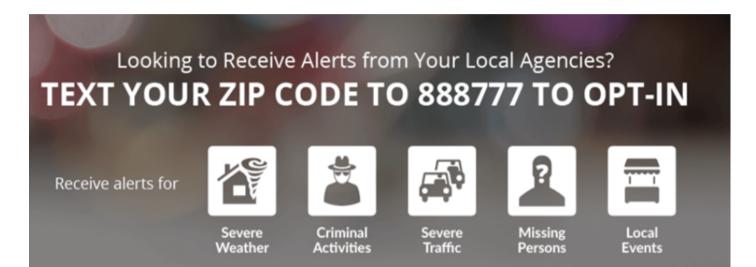
The "Community Aide" is an evolving position within our municipal operations, making it unique to it as well. Here is a link to the Community Aide page on our website for a closer look: https://www.lawrencetwp.com/directory/CommunityAide. If you are curious about how the Community Aide may be of assistance to you, don't hesitate to give him a call and find out. His email is cdinwoodie@lawrencetwp.com, and his telephone number is 609.844.7074.

- Lawrence Township Municipal Manager, Kevin Nerwinski





Nixle keeps you up-to-date with relevant information from your local public safety departments & schools.



Or sign-up online to receive emails and phone calls (It's easy and anyone can join): Go to local.nixle.com/register/

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* Email:			Public safety messages are sent here
* Password:			Make it hard to guess!
* Full Name:			
Language:	English	•	
Mobile Phone:			Text alerts from local police and fire departments are sent to this device.
Home Phone:			After sign-up, see your Settings page for supported Local Agencies
Voice Messages:	No Voice Msgs	•	Service only available from supported Public Safety Agencies
	I Accept. Sign me up!	By clic	king "I Accept," I accept Nixle's Terms of Service.
Message and data rates may apply	Message frequency varies. Terms and privac	у.	



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<u>Cafe du Pain</u>

2495 Us Highway 1 Ste 12, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648Y

We are especially asking for canned vegitables, canned protiens, breakfast items, peanut butter , rice, shelf stable milk and microwavable meals. All items, however, are welcome! JOIN US FOR A FREE TUBA CONCERT[®]

TÜBA CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 3.RD

MARKETFAIR MALL 3535 US ROUTE 1 PRINCETON NJ

Sponsored by the Lawrence Community Band

https://www.facebook.com/ lawrencecommunityband/



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

FREE ADMISSION ENJOY HOLIDAY MUSIC AND AN OLD FASHIONED SING A LONG

December 15th, 7 pm Lawrence Senior Center 30 Darrah Lane East



LAWRENCE COMMUNITY BAND WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LAWR ENCECOMMUNITYBAND/

ATTENTION LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

2022 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

- Leaf collection will begin on November 1, 2022.
- Residents will continue to place loose leaves at the curb for collection.
- The Township will assign (1) one leaf collection crew to each brush zone for approximately eight weeks of collection. Each crew will continue to collect leaves in your zone on a "street by street" basis through December \$1, 2022. Residents can expect three (5) collections during this period.
- During the months of November and December, BRUSH COLLECTION WILL BE SUSPENDED. DO NOT PLACE BRUSH AT CURB FOR PICK-UP.
- Leaves shall be placed ten feet from any storm drains.
- The revised procedures have been implemented to adhere with the new Municipal Stormwater Regulations. This program is intended to give residents a more efficient leaf removal while protecting the environment.
- Leaves shall be placed in an area of the street or road edge not greater than four feet (4') from the edge of the pavement. There is no restriction on the pile length for leaf collection.
 - October is the last month for collecting yard waste until January 2023.
 - Please contact the Public Works Department at (609) 587-1894 for any questions





Lawrence • Mercer County, NJ Where nature smiles for 22 miles

www.lawrencetwp.com

2022 Fall Photo Contest - Lawrence Township announces its first annual Fall photo contest!

Submit your best and most beautiful photos of autumnal Lawrence Township to newsletter@lawrencetwp.com by November 5th!

The community will vote on the winners, and the first place photograph will be the cover of the 2023 Municipal Calendar! **To submit:** please include only one photo, the photographer's full name, and the location of the photo!

We have a new E-Newsletter

Please visit our website to sign up: https://www.lawrencetwp.com

Latest in Lawrence



Hello Lawrence!

Welcome to the new Township newsletter that will keep you up-to-date with all things municipality related!

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP DECK THE OF HALL TOUR HALL TREE LIGHTING & MORE THURSDAY 12-08-2022 6PM-8PM

·LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING + 2207 LAWRENCE ROAD ×

Featuring_

Children's Goodie Bags

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Children's Crafts (while supplies last) Free Hot Chocolate & Cookies (while supplies last) Giant walk thru snow globe & children's train ride

> Starting @ 6:30pm Santa Clause arrival Y Tree Lighting Madrigal performance by LHS



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ALL ABOARD THE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

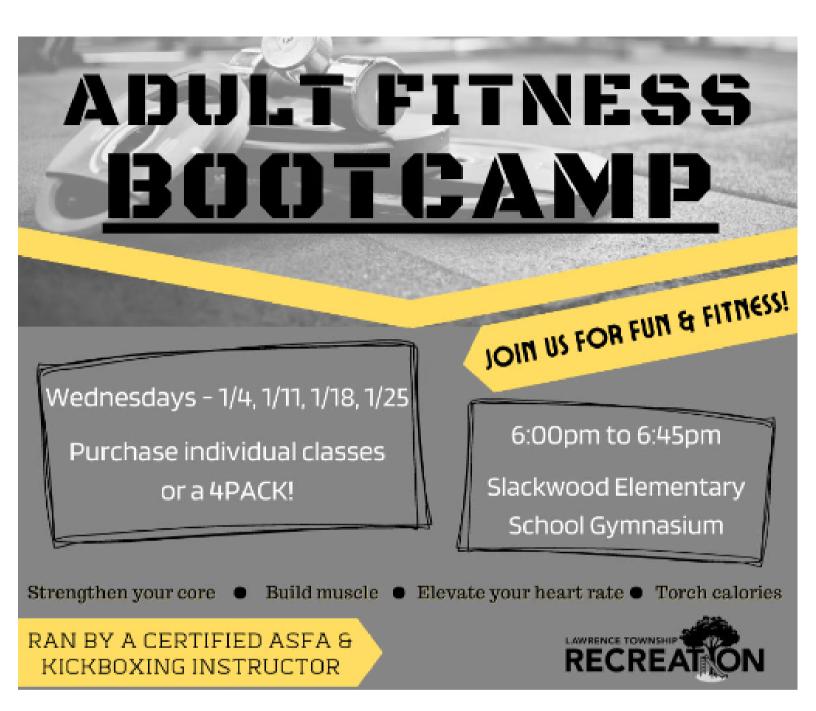
EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS OF LAWRENCE HOMES IN STYLE ON A 45 MINUTE VICTORIAN STYLE TROLLEY RIDE. COZY UP WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, WHILE ENJOYING HOT CHOCOLATE AND SINGING ALONG TO SEASONAL FAVORITES. <u>TROLLEYS WILL BE LEAVING TOWN</u> HALL PROMPTLY AT DEPARTURE TIME



SESSION I: 5PM

SESSION II: 6PM SESSION III: 7PM

\$10 PER PERSON 2 & UNDER FREE (LAP SEAT ONLY)



Adult Fitness Bootcamp is an excellent and fun fitness programs designed to elevate your heart rate, and to build up and strengthen one's core. This is your chance to have fun and meet new people who love to kick start their fitness with a group! The group fitness instructor designs several stations of exercises targeting a group of muscles in each station. Guaranteed to torch calories, incinerate fat and build new muscles overtime. Some example station are: battle ropes, weights and band movements, jump ropes and more!

Recreation 609-844-7067



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The Lawrence Township Police Department has joined many surrounding communities in partnering with RING - Neighbors.

Help the LTPD keep our community safe by registering your RING camera.

Please feel free to email Chief Longo @ clongo@lawrencetwp.com with any questions.



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The Lawrence Township Police Department has joined Neighbors!

Hello Lawrence Township community! Lawrence Township Police is excited to join Neighbors i...

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Township of Lawrence, NJ

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Congratulations on your new location, Meatheadz Cheesesteaks!

Today Council Members Jim Kownacki and Christopher Bobbitt and members of the Growth and Redevelopment Committee celebrated their grand re-opening in the Lawrence Shopping Center!

#shoplawrence #lawrencebusinesses



See insights and ads

Boost post

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Lawrence Township Health Department



COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC AT QUAKERBRIDGE MALL

Friday December 2, 2022 5PM-6:30PM

MODERNA (18+) & PFIZER (12+) AVAILABLE!

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARD.



FREE, NO INSURANCE, & WALK-UPS WELCOME!

Quakerbridge Mall 3320 US-1 Lawrence, NJ 0864

Clinic located on the first level near escalators.

Mercer County Nutrition Program for Older Adults

MEALS SERVED AT THE LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

30 E. Darrah Lane Lawrence NJ, 08648

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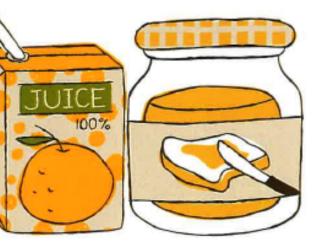
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The Mercer County Nutrition Program for Older Adults offers warm meals served in settings that bring people together for activities and socialization.

Registration Required and Transportation offered to Lawrence Residents 60 years or older

Mercer County Nutrition is a federally funded program that encourages participants to make a suggested donation of \$1 per meal.

Please Call Millie Booth at (609) 883 -8085 or Mercer County Nutrition (609) 989-6650





Project Healthy Bones

Do you want to improve strength, balance and flexibility?
 Are you 60 years of age or older?
 Are you at risk of or living with osteoporosis?
 Do you want to learn more about your bone health?

JOIN OUR FREE 24-WEEK EXERCISE PROGRAM THE NEXT CLASS CYCLE WILL BE STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Classes are held every Tuesday 1:30pm-3:00pm Lawrence Senior Center

Please Call Maria Sergio ICGMC Project Healthy Bones Program Coordinator 609-393-9922





Medical clearance is required prior to enrollment

Developed by The State of New Jersey Office of Community Education and Wellness Division of Aging and Community Service of Health and Senior Services





HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DIVISION OF HEALTH

STI TESTING & TREATMENT CLINIC

FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL



Tuesdays, 9am-12pm and 3pm-5:30pm!





609-890-3647

2100 Greenwood Ave, Hamilton, NJ 08609

Walk-in, no appointment needed!

To be seen in the clinic you must live in one of the following towns, please bring a photo ID or proof of address with you:

- Hamilton
- Lawrence
- East Windsor

- Ewing
- Robbinsville
- Hightstown
- Princeton
- West Windsor
- Hopewell Township

Students residing on the campuses of Rider University and The College of NJ will also receive services free of charge with a college ID.



Face masks are required!



<u>Please Note:</u> Pennington and Hopewell Borough residents must see Montgomery Township for services. Trenton City residents must see Henry J. Austin Health Center for services.

> All Mercer County residents may use the following clinic for HIV or STI testing:

Henry J. Austin Health Clinic: 321 North Warren Street Trenton, NJ 08618



609-278-5900



FREE PCR & RAPID COVID-19 TESTING THURSDAYS 8AM-6PM



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER:



WALK-INS WELCOME PRE-REGISTRATION PREFFERED: https://hipaa.jotform.com/220184479503153

SLACKWOOD FIREHOUSE 21 SLACK AVE LAWRENCE, NJ 08648

PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD WITH YOU

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE MEDIMOBILE AT (862) 799-7400



Need Help Finding Your Calm After the Storm?

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery's Hope and Healing Ida Program offers **emotional support services**, **education**, and **community-based resources** for individuals and families affected by the aftermath of the **Hurricane Ida**.

The program aims to assist those impacted by the Ida storm to better **navigate new** experiences, mitigate stressors, review options and find strategies to adapt to challenges. We provide connections to agencies, programs, and other resources in the community.

We are here for you and your families with:

Emotional Support Services Housing Referrals Food Bank/Pantry Contacts Tools to Improve Wellness Community Connections

hopeandhealing@rwjbh.org 833-795-HOPE (4673) rwjbh.org/hopeandhealing





Virtual Support Groups Finding Your Calm After the Storm Scan code with your phone or call to join:

Tuesdays at 4pm <u>Zoom Link</u> +13017158592 ID: 810 4658 1003 Passcode: 911820

Thursdays at 6pm Zoom Link +13017158592 ID: 856 2283 5909 Passcode: 786666









VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Legionella Home Water Testing For Trenton Water Works Customers

What is needed:

The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) is **seeking 30 volunteers** to participate in home water sampling for *Legionella*, the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease (lung infection).

Who can participate:

Homeowners who live in Ewing, Trenton, Lawrence, and Hopewell and receive water from Trenton Water Works (TWW). The home must have its own water heater that is not shared with other units. People who rent are not eligible to participate.

Why should I participate:

The NJ Department of Health is expanding Legionella testing to better understand home water systems served by TWW. Based on your results, you will receive personalized recommendations for maintaining your home water system. There is no cost to the homeowner to participate.

How can I sign up:

Visit our weblink at **bit.ly/3D27n3Z** or scan our **QR code**. You will be contacted if you are selected to participate.



10 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR BRAIN



START NOW. It's never too late or too early to incorporate healthy habits.



HIT THE BOOKS Formal education will help

reduce risk of cognitive

decline and dementia.

Take a class at a local

center or online.

BREAK A SWEAT

Engage in regular college, community cardiovascular exercise that elevates heart rate and increases blood flow. Studies have found that physical activity reduces risk of cognitive decline.



BUTT OUT

Smoking increases risk of cognitive decline. Quitting smoking can reduce risk to levels comparable to those who have not smoked.



FOLLOW YOUR HEART Risk factors for

cardiovascular disease and stroke - obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes - negatively impact your cognitive health.

STUMP YOURSELF

Challenge your mind. Build a piece of furniture. Play games of strategy, like bridge.

BUDDY UP

Staying socially engaged may support brain health. Find ways to be part of your local community or share activities with friends and family.



TAKE CARE **OF YOUR** MENTAL HEALTH

Some studies link depression with cognitive decline, so seek treatment if you have depression, anxiety or stress.



indicates that people can reduce their risk of cognitive decline by adopting key lifestyle habits. When possible, combine these habits to achieve maximum benefit for the brain and body.

Growing evidence

HEADS UP!

Brain injury can raise risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt and use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike.



FUEL **UP RIGHT**

Eat a balanced diet that is higher in vegetables and fruit to help reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

Not getting enough sleep may result in problems with memory and thinking.



alzheimer's 💦 association Visit alz.org/10ways to learn more.

THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS:

CATCH SOME ZZZ'S

Are you a veteran or know a veteran who may be in need of

crisis support? The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential crisis support for veterans and their families.

Veterans Crisis Line Fact Sheet

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS O

Confidential crisis help for Veterans and their families

The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net, or send a text message to 838255 to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

The responders at the Veterans Crisis Line are specially trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances from Veterans coping with mental health issues that were never addressed to recent Veterans struggling with relationships or the transition back to civilian life. Veterans Crisis Line responders provide support when these and other issues — such as chronic pain, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, anger, and even homelessness — reach a crisis point. Some of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what Veterans and their families and friends have been through. Since its launch in 2007, the Veterans Crisis Line has answered more than 5.6 million calls and initiated the dispatch of emergency services to callers in crisis more than 204,000 times. The Veterans Crisis Line anonymous online chat service, added in 2009, has engaged in more than 660,000 chats. In November 2011, the Veterans Crisis Line introduced a text-messaging service to provide another way for Veterans to connect with confidential, round-the-clock support and since then has responded to more than 218,000 texts.

In 2011, the National Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline was renamed the Veterans Crisis Line to encourage Veterans and their families and friends, who may be the first to realize a Veteran is in emotional distress, to reach out for support when issues reach a crisis point, even if it is not a suicidal crisis.

VA is working to make sure that all Veterans and their loved ones are aware of the Veterans Crisis Line. To reach as many Veterans as possible, VA is coordinating with communities and partner groups nationwide, including community-based organizations, Veterans Service Organizations, and local health care providers, to let Veterans and their loved ones know that support is available whenever, if ever, they need it.

Whether you're a Veteran or a friend or family member concerned about one, confidential assistance is only a call, click, or text away.

For more information about the Veterans Crisis Line, visit VeteransCrisisLine.net For more information about VA's mental health resources, visit www.mentalhealth.va.gov



Confidential crisis chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255

IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS



The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes.

Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.

How the scam works

You find out it wasn't

the IRS. It was a scam.



The money is gone.

Warning signs

How will the IRS first contact you?	How will the IRS ask you to pay?
Phone call No	With a prepaid debit card NO
Email NO	With a money transfer NO
Mail YES	Won't require a specific type of payment

Got a call?

Don't give the caller information

such as your financial or other personal information.

Write down details

such as the number and name of the caller.

Hang up

Contact the IRS directly

If you think you may owe back taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit irs.gov/balancedue.

Report the call

File a complaint with:

- the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or 800-366-4484.
- the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP.

Warn friends and family

Tell people you know that these calls are scams.

If you have any questions related to Senior Connect, or Lawrence Township broadly, reach out to the Community Aide for further information.

> phone: 609-844-7074 email: cdinwoodie@lawrencetwp.com