

SENIOR CONNECT

MARCH 2023



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.



Ribbon Cutting



Welcome to Lawrence, Radwa Saad, DMD. Dent Blanche Dental! Recently Mayor John Ryan, Councilmember Chris Bobbitt, and members of the Growth and Redevelopment Committee celebrated the grand opening of a new cosmetic dentistry establishment in our community. 3640 Lawrenceville Rd, Lawrence Township NJ https://www.dentblanchedental.com/

Boards and Committees: March

March 2023 Expand All	Calendar Calendar					
	27 Shade Tree Advisory Committee	28 Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	1 Trails. Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	2 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	m	4
	6 Planning Board Meeting	7 Township Council Meeting	8 Senior Executive Committee	6	10	=
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Municipal Clerk 609-844-7001

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30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence Twp. Lawrence Township Senior Center Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 pm www.lawrencetwp.com NJ 609-844-7048

Ilasalle@lawrencetwp.com Lillian LaSalle, Director

GAME TIME 9:30 - 11:15 AM

HULA DANCE - 10:15 AM

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL

at 10:45 AM

Speaker: Joel Schneider

Sign up for Mahjong Lessons (Tuesdays)

Lawrence Seniors can Visit or Call the Center

at (609) 844-7048

\$12 for 4 weeks

RUMMIKUB - 1:00

PEOPLE & STORIES 1:30 PM

TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM

BUSY BEES 1:00 - 3:00 PM **MEMOIR - 2:00 PM (ZOOM)**

LINE DANCE 9:30 AM YOGA - 9:00

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2 EXERCISE 9:00 AM

1 LINE DANCE 9:30 AM

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Tuesday

Monday

Thursday

BINGO - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Tatum Harbach, Recreation Leader tharbach@lawrencetwp.com

between 8:45 AM -2:30 PM . By Appointment only - Must call 48 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Senior Van available weekdays hours in advance

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9 EXERCISE 9-10 AM

8 LINE DANCE 9:30 AM

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Mah-Jongg Lessons 1:00 PM

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TAI-CHI - 10:30 AM

Mah-Jongg 1:00 to 3:00

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13 EXERCISE 9:00 AM

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HEALTHY BONES GROUP

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

SCULPTURE CLASS 1:00 PM

By Appointment

AARP TAX

GAME TIME 9:30 - 11:15 AM

ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM

BUSY BEES 1:00 - 3:00 PM

14 CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM

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GAME TIME 9:30 - 11:15 AM

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MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION HOT LUNCHES MON. WED. THURS. AND FRIDAY No Nutrition Tuesdays 9:15 AM - Coffee

by 10:45 AM - Sign in for meal Please call (609)883-8085 OR Pre-Registration Required (609)989-6650 Beauty & The Beast Jr. March 21st, 2023

at 4:00 PM



PEOPLE & STORIES 1:30 PM

1:00 TO 3:00 PM

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SCULPTURE CLASS 1:00 PM

By Appointment

21 CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM

Announcements / News

Township Egg Hunt

Please join the Lawrence Twp. Police and Recreation Department for our Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st at 10am! Central Park, 100 Dave Nevius Way Lawrence Township, New Jersey

MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Event

MCIA is hosting this event at the Dempster Fire School on 350 Lawrence Station Road between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Lawrence Township has been awarded \$88,000

Mercer County has awarded Lawrence Township \$88,000 to improve accessibility at the Nature Center.

2023 Lawrence Township Budget Message

The challenges we face in our 2023 municipal budget are the challenges we all face as individuals; the rising costs of all things across many industries in a post-pandemic world, otherwise known as inflation. Fortunately, we are well positioned to meet this challenge because our budgets over the past several years have conservatively addressed our needs, reduced our debt[1], and maintained the services to the community at the levels we expect and demand. This year we planned a budget and our future on fiscally solid ground.

With inescapable increases across all categories of appropriations (i.e., costs) partially offset by an increase in ratables, a half year of a new cannabis tax, and a successful grant program,[2] we are still able to address serious public safety needs by funding three new firefighters and two new EMT positions[3] and recommend a budget that provides for a 2.75-cent tax increase. We maintain and increase our Surplus Fund[4] by using only as much as can be regenerated by year-end. By doing this, we can better support our high credit rating and enjoy the benefits of the best rates for financing our essential community projects and infrastructure improvements. Additionally, this year we plan to transfer \$3,350,000 from our Surplus Fund to our Capital Improvement Fund to fund our future capital improvement projects to avoid paying higher financing charges from bonding for the work. Significantly, this transfer does not factor in the Amount to be Collected for Taxation.

The recommended municipal tax rate for 2023 is .6545 [".6270], which represents a 2.75¢ increase[5]. One (1) cent = \$470,635.

The Amount to be Raised by Taxation in 2023 is \$30,804,309.70 [\$29,427,103.63], which is \$1,377,206.7 over 2022.

- The Levy Cap Bank available from 2021 and 2022 is \$1,978,355 [\$1,353,473], and we will use \$0 to remain within the 2% tax levy cap. NOTE: The 2023 Recommended Budget is \$3,477,645 [\$895,916] under the Levy Cap and is available for "Banking." This addition to the 2021 and 2022 banks will leave a usable "cap bank" of \$5,456,000 [\$2,249,389] for future budgets.
- The 2022 year-end Surplus Fund balance is \$20,687,139.52 versus a 2021 year-end balance of \$17,529,312.69, an increase of \$3,157,826.83
- The Surplus balance remaining available after applying an amount as anticipated revenue will be \$10,772,139.52 [\$10,679,312.69], an increase of \$92,826.83 over the 2022 remaining balance.
- The cash reserve balance for tax appeals is \$6,219,491.18 [\$6,219,491.18].
- The decrease in outstanding debt continues. The 2010 closing balance was \$30,797,000. The 2022 closing balance is \$13,210,850 [\$15,631,000].

Fiscal strength is evident as \$9,915,000 [\$6,850,000] in Surplus Fund used in the 2023 budget has been regenerated at the close of 2022. Surplus Fund is the excess in the following Balance Sheet categories: Amount to be Raised by Taxation, Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated (MRA), Delinquent Taxes, Prior Year Appropriations Lapsed, and Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated (MRNA).

In 2023, we recommend utilizing \$9,915,000.00 from Surplus Fund, \$20,276,842.93 in MRA, \$830,000 in Delinquent Taxes, and \$30,804,309.70 in Amount to be Raised for Taxes. These balance sheet categories equate to the municipal budget of \$61,826,152.63.

s/Kevin P. Nerwinski 2/21/2023

NOTE to be included in a published article: The budget message and recommended budget are prepared by the Municipal Manager (and Chief Finance Officer) and presented to the Lawrence Township Municipal Council for review and consideration. The elected officials will review the proposed budget, consider the presentations by department heads and pose questions to the Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and, ultimately, decide whether to approve the budget as recommended or make adjustments they deem necessary and appropriate.

[1] We are on schedule to be debt free at the end of 2027 if no new debt is taken on.

[2] 1) ELSA increase; 2) Health Benefits increase; 3) Contractual increases to Salary & Wages; 4) New Hires (i.e., three firefighter, two EMTs and two PW employees); 5) Increase in Uncollected Taxes; 6) Increase in Debt Service (principal and interest/Capital Improvement Funding); 7) Increase in solid waste collection; and 8) Increase in Public Employee Pension contributions; and Emergency Dispatch Service incease.

[3] Multiple hires for Fire and EMT positions is required so that we can create an additional shift for each department. Less than these numbers will not accomplish our goal. At this point, it is either all or nothing to address this important need. NOTE: We are added two new Public Works laborers to address increased responsibilities to maintain Brunswick Avenue Streetscape, Hero Dog Parks, and our other community parks.

[4] This is also known as Fund Balance on our General Ledger.

[5] NOTE: Figures in [] are 2022 amounts included for comparison.



*****OFFICER SPOTLIGHT*****

Our first participant is Officer Owen Cutaneo (#260). Officer Cutaneo is one of our newer officers. He grew up in Lawrence and is a graduate of Lawrence High School. He became a Police Officer because he wanted to give back to the community that he grew up in. He enjoys sports (especially football and baseball) and likes to spend time with his family and friends. When asked what he thought about the job he said, "The job has it's ups and downs but each day isn't the same. Working in such a great department with great co-workers definitely helps with each shift." Officer Cutaneo also said that one of his favorite things about the job is seeing his old teachers and the gratitude they show him for the job he does. He also offered some advice for anyone who is considering a career in law enforcement. He said, "Don't hesitate! It's a great career and rewarding. The bonds and friendships made are like no other." Thank you Officer Cutaneo!! Stay safe and we'll see you out there.

SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS - Register Today!

- Nature Detectives
- Adult Pickleball Clinic
- Adult Walking Program
- Adult Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 - Cornhole League
 - Tennis Classes
 - Adult Fitness Bootcamp



Recreation: 609-844-7064

HOW HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED YOU?

TAKE OUR SURVEY

HELP US IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY!

The Lawrence Health Department wants to know about your experiences, opinions, and feedback on the COVID-19 resources (e.g., testing, treatment, vaccines) within your community. Your input is greatly valued and will help to improve our approaches to combat COVID-19.

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA ON YOUR PHONE TO TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY!

SCAN ME

Thank you for completing our survey! If you have any questions please contact the Lawrence Health Department at (609) 844–7089.

Health: 609-844-7089



Lawrence Township Health Department



STREAM CLEANUP APRIL 22 9 AM - 11 AM

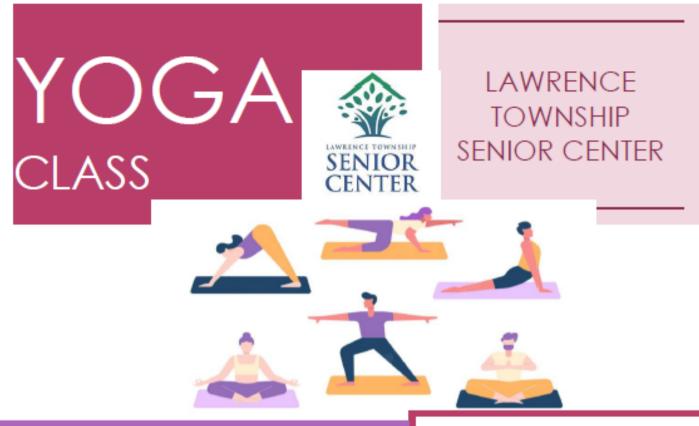
COLONIAL LAKE PARK

100 BRIDGE DRIVE | LAWRENCE, NJ 08648



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! thewatershed.org/stream-cleanups

- This event is rain or shine.
- Bring a reusable water bottle and gloves.
- Masks optional.
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Friday's – 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

For Lawrence Residents 60+ years

<u>\$24 Flat Fee</u> 8-week session

Classes will be held at Lawrence Community Center:

295 Eggert's Crossing Road Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Registration Required

Call the Senior Center at (609) 844 -7048 to Register

Instructor Cheri Dzubak

Class Dates:

Session 1 – March 24th

Session 2- March 31th

Session 3 - April 14th

Session 4 – April 21st

Session 5 - April 28th

Session 6- May 5th

Session 7 - May 12th

Session 8 – May 19th

NO CLASS APRIL 7th



Women's History Program "Telling Her Story"

<u>Date:</u> Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 <u>Time:</u> 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM <u>Location:</u> Lawrence Senior Center 30. E Darrah Lane

Music by Ambiance the Duo

Short stories, memoirs and poetry – by women, for women and about women

Light Refreshments will be served Visit or call the center to register at (609) 844-7048





St. Patrick's Day Social

<u>Date:</u> Thursday, March 16th, 2023 <u>Time:</u> 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Location: Lawrence Senior Center

30 E. Darrah lane

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Lots of Games & Activities!!

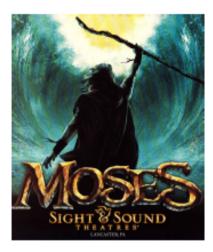
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Light Refreshments

Visit or Call the Center to Register at (609) 844-7048



feeling lucky? Lawrence Township Senior Club #2 Spring Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre.



Lawrence Township Senior Club #2

in collaboration with the Lawrence Twp. Office on Aging

Is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA for the show MOSES.

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Depart Slackwood Fire Co., 21 Slack Avenue at 8:00 am Sharp, returning approximately at 6:30 pm.

Price of the Trip is \$140.00 (Lawrence Senior Resident)

\$150.00 (Non-resident)

<u>Price Includes</u>: transportation, Show, and lunch at Plain & Fancy Restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, PA.

Contact: Blanche Forker at 609-882-7678

A \$25.00 deposit will hold your seat, final payment due March 10, 2023.



Make Checks Payable to Lawrence Senior Club #2.

PERSONAL SAFETY PRESENTATION

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The Mercer County Sheriff's Office will present information to Seniors that will focus on reducing the likelihood of becoming a target by identifying potentially dangerous situations. Seminar participants will learn:

- How to be aware of your surroundings
- How to develop awareness and avoidance skills
- What street predators look for in a victim
- How to avoid fitting a victim profile
- How to quickly escape danger in the event of an assault

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CRIME PREVENTION & PERSONAL SAFETY PROGRAM PRESENTED TO SENIORS IS TO ILLUSTRATE CERTAIN CRIMINAL SITUATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES TO PREVENT THEM.

ONE OF THE KEY POINTS OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FOCUS ON PROTECTING THEMSELVES FROM BECOMING A VICTIM WITH A FEW BASIC TIPS. INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN ON KEEPING THEMSELVES SAFE IN PUBLIC, IN THEIR CARS AND IN THEIR HOMES.



Thursday, March 23rd

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Please call 609-890-9800 to reserve space

MERCER COUNTY CONNECTION

Passport Services Notary Services Recycling Buckets



Voter Registration Passport Photos Meeting Room

Acme Shopping Center, 957 Highway 33 at Paxson Avenue, Hamilton

Brian M. Hughes, County Executive





Robert Wood Johnson Medical School



PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE, SAVE LIVES

In case of overdose, use naloxone.

FREE TRAINING via WEBEX and NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY KITS SHIPPED DATE: March 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Mercer County is partnering with RWJ Medical School to offer this **FREE** training!

Online Trainings

Attend the live presentation from home by clicking a link, and after the training, the kits will be shipped via UPS. The WEBEX link will be forwarded to you a few days before the training.

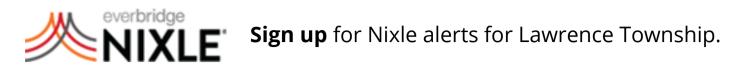
Distribution of FREE naloxone kits for training attendees includes family members, friends, professionals and individuals who are at risk or could be in the presence of someone who is at risk for an overdose.

Training of overdose death prevention strategies includes the appropriate administration of naloxone and rescue breathing.

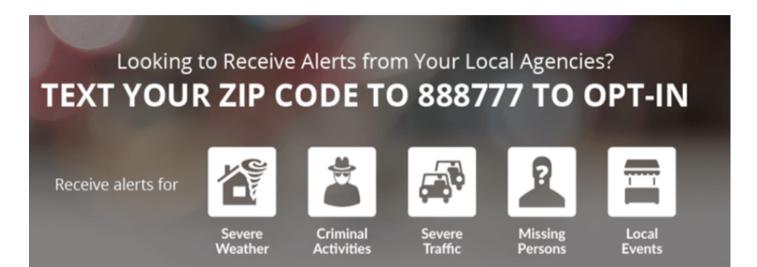
Space is Limited. To register, email name and address to:

Heather DeLorenzo Mercer County, Office on Addiction Services hdelorenzo@mercercounty.org 609-989-6897





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/

*Required			
* 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	/ click	ing "I Accept," I accept Nixle's Terms of Service.
Message and data rates may apply.	Message frequency varies. Terms and privacy.		

We have a new E-Newsletter

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



Township of Lawrence

www.lawrencetwp.com

Or call 609-844-7074 for sign-up assistance

Lawrence Township Office On Aging

TAI-CHI

At Lawrence Community Center 295 Eggerts Crossing Road

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Instructor: Glenn Swann

10:30- 11:30 AM

8 Week Session: \$24

Class Dates: January 9th, January 23rd, January 30th, February 6th, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th

No Class on January 16th, February 13th or February 20th

To Pre-Register or For More Information

Call (609) 844-7048 or Visit the Senior Center

30 E. Darrah Lane

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2023 Citizen of the Year Awards



Nominate someone through the link below!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvYNCWFGM9rU-VacEjJUovCAuUiBRRjsoaBb8PcKMm54pKbQ/viewform

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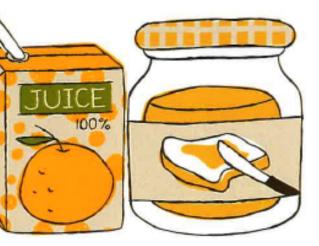
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The Mercer County Nutrition Program for Older Adults offers warm meals served in settings that bring people together for activities and socialization.

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



Lawrence Township Office on Aging/Senior Center



9:30-11:35 AM Mondays & Fridays

in the Game Room



Yahtzee

Come out for some old-fashioned fun!

PLEASE NOTE: Games are also available at any time at your request, just ask senior center staff for assistance!

Lawrence Township Office on Aging

Line Dance

Wednesday's with James Ellis – 9:30 AM Friday's with Rose Majofsky – 9:30 AM Class size limited

Lawrence Township Senior Only 60 years and older

Visit or call (609) 844-7048 the senior center to register





DUPLICATE SENIC SENIC BRIDGE

Lawrence Township Senior Center 30 E. Darrah Lane Lawrence, NJ 08648

TUESDAYS 9:00 AM

Come out and play Duplicate Bridge at the Lawrence Senior Center.

Organized by Stu Augustin

Call the center at (609) 844-7048 to register.







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 Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies

Blood is an Essential Medicine

There Is No Substitute For Human Blood



1% If just 1% more Americans donated blood, shortages would disappear



EVERY 2 SECONDS someone in the U.S.

needs blood



29,700 UNITS of red blood cells are used each day in the U.S.



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hospital patients need blood for many reasons, including: trauma, postpartum hemorrhage, cancer, sickle cell disease, hemophilia, kidney disease, liver disease, preterm infants, transplants, critical care and burns

The Components of Blood

Those most needed by patients are:

WHOLE BLOOD

Whole blood contains red cells, white cells and platelets suspended in plasma.

USE: MAJOR TRAUMA/SURGERY, (LIMITED CIVILIAN USE)

RED BLOOD CELLS

Red blood cells carry hemoglobin and are essential for oxygen exchange in the lungs.

USE: ANEMIA, SURGICAL BLOOD LOSS, CHEMOTHERAPY

PLATELETS

Platelets are small cell fragments whose main function is to interact with clotting proteins to stop or prevent bleeding.

USE: THROMBOCYTOPENIA, CONGENITAL AND ACQUIRED PLATELET DISORDERS

PLASMA

Plasma is a fluid, composed of ~92% water and 8% proteins, mineral salts, sugars, fats, hormones and vitamins.

USE: LIVER DISEASE, COAGULOPATHY, ABNORMAL COAGULATION TESTS, COAGULATION FACTOR DEFICIENCY

How Much Does It Take?

A person injured in an automobile accident may need up to



A patient with cancer undergoing chemotherapy may need up to

8 DEATELET UNITS PER WEEK

An organ transplant recipient may need up to







IT'S THE BLOOD ALREADY ON THE HOSPITAL SHELVES THAT SAVES LIVES.

Regular donation helps to ensure blood is readily available to patients whenever it is needed. Find a Blood Donation Site Near You: <u>aabb.org/DonateBlood</u>

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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

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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.

center or online.

BREAK A SWEAT

Take a class at a local 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.



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.



these habits to achieve maximum benefit for the brain and body.

Growing evidence

indicates that people can

reduce their risk of cognitive

decline by adopting key lifestyle

habits. When possible, combine

CATCH SOME

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



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.



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

THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS:

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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