# SENIOR CONNECT JUNE 2024

#### **Senior Connect: Update from Lawrence Township Public Schools** Lawrence Township Public Schools is planning a bond referendum next spring to fund renovations and expansions at Lawrence Middle School, which is 75 years old. This project will add a new sixth-grade wing and improve the aging facilities. The district is restructuring the grade levels so that the elementary schools will have preschool through 2nd grade, the Intermediate School will have 3rd through 5th grades, and the Middle School will have 6th through 8th grades. These changes are based on recommendations from the New Jersey Department of Education to better meet students' academic and developmental needs. The new structure will also allow for free preschool in Lawrence Township's neighborhood elementary schools, ensuring the district's youngest learners get a strong start. Some of the renovations planned under the bond referendum include modernization of Middle School classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium and sports fields. Additionally, parking and traffic flow on Princeton Pike and surrounding areas will be significantly improved. Please join Superintendent Dr. Robyn Klim at the Lawrence Senior Center on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 am for more information.



#### Are you native to Lawrence? Sorry, not you, I was asking your plants!



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### Did you know? The Master Plan process has begun

The Township Planning Board is preparing a new Master Plan. The last comprehensive Master Plan, adopted in 1995, will be replaced by a new Master Plan that includes Goals and Objectives, Land Use Element (including hazard and climate change mitigation), Circulation Element, Conservation Element, Economic Development Element, and a Green Buildings and Sustainability Element. Adopted by the Planning Board, the Master Plan sets forth a vision for the community in the coming years and is the principal document that addresses the manner in which development, redevelopment, conservation and/or preservation should occur in Lawrence. It is intended to guide the decisions made by public officials and those of private interests involving the use of land. Two public meetings for the Township Master Plan have been scheduled! Join us to help create the new Lawrence Township 2024 Master Plan at one of these two meetings:

June 13th from 6pm to 9pm: Rider University, Bart Luedeke Center Cavalla Room, 2083 Lawrenceville Road.

June 23rd from 12pm to 3pm: Lawrence Senior Center, 30 East Darrah Lane.



## **EPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS** Staff Spotlight

In honor of National Public Works Week, we want to shine a spotlight on our amazing Administrative Assistant, Janice Brokofsky! Janice has been an invaluable member of the Lawrence Township team since 1992, starting her journey with the Township in the Manager's Office before joining the Public Works Department. Her extensive knowledge and incredible personality make her a perfect fit for handling all our administrative tasks and interacting with the public.

Whether it's managing purchase orders, work orders, recycling information, or employee issues, Janice handles it all with grace and professionalism. Many of our residents know Janice well and trust her assistance and information, which is a testament to her dedication and expertise.

We couldn't imagine the Public Works Department without her, and we're so grateful for everything she does to keep our operations running smoothly. Thank you, Janice, for your unwavering commitment and hard work!

**Janice Brokofsky** 

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Lawrence Township Bulk Trash pick up is the last Friday of every month

From Trenton Water Works: Advancing communications with our valued customers and servicearea residents, we will hold H2Open "Let's Talk About Water" Forums so service-area residents can learn more about their drinking water, water utility operations, and capital projects, including the Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

The two-hour community meetings empower attendees—customers, residents, and public officials—to ask questions about their drinking water and TWW operations directly from water utility leadership. Discussion topics include water quality, lead, Legionella, operations, and capital projects. Please save the date to have your concerns and questions addressed.





There is a medication drop box at the Lawrence Township Police Department located at 2211 Lawrence Road, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648. It is a safe and enviormentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.



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