



# SENIOR CONNECT

## DECEMBER 2025



### **Lawrence Township Honors Veterans at Annual Veterans Day Observance**

Lawrence Township came together on November 11, 2025, to honor those who have served our nation at the annual Veterans Day Observance held at the Municipal Building. The ceremony was presented by the Lawrence Township Patriotic Committee, the 112th Field Artillery Association, the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, American Legion Post 414, and the Lawrence Township Recreation Department.

COL (USA Retired) Robert Watson served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, which included traditional elements such as the posting and retiring of colors by the Lawrence Township Police Department, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kimberly O'Neal of Lawrence Ewing Trenton Girl Scouts, and the National Anthem performed by John Calkins.

Ken Kiernan, USAR, USAFR, delivered the Veterans Day remarks, while Annette Loveless provided the invocation. A moving wreath-laying ceremony was conducted by Ken Bernabe of the US Army Reserve, 78th Division, and Ken Kiernan.

The 112th Field Artillery Association Cannon Crew M-116 performed an Artillery Salute using a Pack Howitzer from the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey. Bill Kale, Keith Brenner, and Jim Kownacki participated in the salute.

Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to enjoy light refreshments on the lower level of the Municipal Building and to view the Lawrence Township Roll of Honor, a memorial honoring local veterans displayed on the WWI Monument at the Municipal Building. The event brought together township officials, along with veterans, families, and community members to pay tribute to all who have served.



## Spotlight on



Lawrence Township thanks everyone who attended the FOP Lodge 209 Cars, Cops & Canned Goods event last month. The Lawrence community showed tremendous support for local families in need, donating a remarkable amount of canned goods. We're grateful to FOP Lodge 209 for organizing this successful event.



**READY!  
DONATE BLOOD.**



### Blood Drive

#### Lawrence Township NJ Police Department Community

Lawrence Township Municipal Complex-Police & Courts  
2211 Lawrenceville Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**Monday, December 1, 2025  
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
LawrencevillePDCCommunity to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red  
Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!

**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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## Lawrence Township First Responder Toy Drive



### Collection Locations

415 Lawrence Rd  
Kulak Arms

2211 Lawrence Rd  
Police Station



**11/17-12/19**



**NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS  
FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**



**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Leaf Collection**  
**is in progress and**  
**will continue**  
**through the end of**  
**the year.**

The Lawrence Township Public Works Department will begin leaf collection November 3 and 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, 2021. Residents can expect three (3) collections during this period. .



**Let's talk about Sustainable Jersey certification levels!**

**Lawrence Township just earned SILVER—a significant honor that places us among NJ's leading sustainable communities. But we've heard the question: "Why not Gold?"**

**Here's the key: Sustainable Jersey's Gold is NOT a higher level of municipal certification. It's a specialized "Gold Star" designation awarded only in limited categories (like Energy or Water) and requires meeting extremely demanding, measurable standards across the ENTIRE community—including utilities, private-sector energy use, water agencies, and resident behavior that municipalities cannot directly control.**

**Gold Stars also require extensive data modeling, technical verification, long-term monitoring, and often substantial capital investment. Only a handful of NJ towns have achieved Gold in any category.**

**Our Silver Certification reflects the excellent sustainability work our township CAN control—and we're already excelling at it.**



# CHILDREN'S CONTEST: LIGHT THE TOWNSHIP TREE WITH THE MAYOR!

**Join Us for the Township Tree  
Lighting!**

**Give your child the opportunity to  
countdown and light up the tree  
alongside Mayor Patricia Hendricks  
Farmer at the Township tree lighting  
event on December 5, 2025**

**Make sure to register your child for  
the drawing by December 3rd!**



Light the Town Hall Tree with the Mayor Contest  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/LFUWXSD45g43Dx9r6>



## Need help with Energy Bills?

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program may be able to help,

**Need help with utility bills?**  
Tanner Dow, Program Specialist with DCA's  
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
Program (LIHEAP), was on-site helping  
residents apply for assistance at the  
launch of this year's USF utility assistance  
program.

"Income limits are higher than ever," DCA  
Assistant Commissioner and Director of  
the Division of Housing and Community  
Resources, Janel Winter said. "If you're  
struggling to manage your bills, now is the  
time to apply."

**Apply now: <https://conta.cc/4gOpIU6>**  
**Funds are limited — don't wait!**



ALL ABOARD THE

# Jolly Trolley

DEC.  
18TH



\$12  
PER PERSON

2 YEARS  
& UNDER  
RIDE FREE  
LAP SEAT ONLY

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED  
THROUGH A LOTTERY SYSTEM:

- FAMILIES CAN ENTER THE LOTTERY FOR UP TO 4 PARTICIPANTS PER GROUP BY COMPLETING THE GOOGLE FORM OR VISITING THE REC OFFICE.
- PARTICIPANTS MAY SELECT ONE TIME SLOT ONLY (5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, OR 7:00 PM) WHEN ENTERING.
- ONCE THE REGISTRATION PERIOD CLOSSES AT 9AM ON 12/8, THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT WILL RANDOMLY SELECT ENTRIES AND NOTIFY THE CHOSEN FAMILIES.
- IF YOUR FAMILY IS CHOSEN, THE REC OFFICE WILL CONTACT YOU TO COMPLETE PAYMENT.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: YOUR FAMILY IS NOT REGISTERED UNTIL PAYMENT IS FINALIZED.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TROLLEYS ARE NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. IF NEEDED, YOUR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE MAY FOLLOW THE TROLLEY ROUTE UPON REQUEST.**

SESSION I: 5PM

SESSION II: 6PM

SESSION III: 7PM

**CONTACT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH QUESTIONS 609-844-7064**

LAWRENCE RECREATION

2025

## HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

### CATEGORIES

BEST INFLATABLE ★ ★ ★ BEST CLASSIC DESIGN

CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD ★ CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

**ACCEPTING ENTRIES UNTIL DECEMBER 8TH**

COMPLETE THE FORM - [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/TOH6WFTPWMC5QYJN6](https://forms.gle/TOH6WFTPWMC5QYJN6)

JUDGING WILL BE OPEN UNTIL  
NOON ON DECEMBER 16TH

WINNERS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 17TH

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 609 844 7064



# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP DECK THE TOWN HALL

## TREE LIGHTING & MORE

**FRIDAY 12-05-2025**  
**6PM-8PM**

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**2207 LAWRENCE ROAD**



**Featuring**  
**Cookie Decorating**

**Gift for Children - Children's Craft**

**Trackless Train Ride - Winter Characters**

**Free Hot Chocolate & Cookies**

**(while supplies last)**

**6:30pm**

**Santa Claus arrival** ★ **Tree Lighting**



**For questions, contact the Lawrence Recreation Department**  
**609-844-7067**



# LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

## Neighbors helping Neighbors



JOIN US AS WE HELP TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM FOR THE WINTER. WE ARE COLLECTING HANDMADE HATS, SCARVES, LAP BLANKET AND SOCKS FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT CAN USE A HAND THIS UPCOMING COLD SEASON.



*Help us help others*   
**TO PARTICIPATE:**

WHEN YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETED, PLEASE DROP IT OFF AT THE SENIOR CENTER AND WE WILL MAKE SURE IT GETS TO SOMEONE IN NEED. STORE BOUGHT ITEMS AND DONATIONS OF YARN ARE APPRECIATED AS WELL.



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP  
SENIOR  
CENTER

30 EAST DARRAH LANE, LAWRENCE TWP, NJ 08648

# ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW A HOMEBOUND LAWRENCE RESIDENT?



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Lawrence Township Health Department**

If you are a Lawrence Township resident who is homebound and in need of resources, please connect with the Lawrence Township Health Department and provide the following information:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Date of Birth
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ Email Address
- ✓ Home Address



## **\*ASK US ABOUT COVID-19 & FLU VACCINES\***

Homebound is defined as the situation where people cannot leave their homes independently without assistance. *(National Institutes of Health)*



**EMAIL THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT AT: [lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com)**



**CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089**

SEPTEMBER 2024



# DECEMBER 2025

Lawrence Township Office on Aging  
Senior Center Activity Calendar



**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP  
SENIOR CENTER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> </div>	<div> <b>1</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM  MAH-JONGG - 1:00                 </div>	<div> <b>2</b> CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>3</b> LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>4</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM  HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>5</b> YOGA - 9:00 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM LINE DANCE - 10:10 AM OUTREACH 10:30 AM  MAH-JONGG - 1:00 BINGO 1 - 3 PM TREE LIGHTING AT TOWNHALL 6:00 - 8:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>6</b>  </div>
<div> <b>7</b>  <div>                     Tai-Chi, Yoga and Zumba will return in January 2026. Registration will open December 15th!                 </div> </div>	<div> <b>8</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM  MAH-JONGG - 1:00                 </div>	<div> <b>9</b> CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>10</b> LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>11</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10:30 AM - 1 PM  HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>12</b> YOGA - 9:00 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM LINE DANCE - 10:10 AM  POETRY GROUP MEETS AT THE LIBRARY 1 PM MAH-JONGG - 1:00 BINGO 1 - 3 PM <b>NO NUTRITION</b> </div>	<div> <b>13</b>  </div>
<div> <b>14</b> </div>	<div> <b>15</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM  MAH-JONGG - 1:00                 </div>	<div> <b>16</b> CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>17</b> LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM PINECONE BIRD FEEDER CRAFT 10:30 - 11:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>18</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 AM HOLIDAY PIZZA PARTY AT THE POST 488 1:00 - 3:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM HOLIDAY CONCERT 7:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>19</b> BINGO 1 - 3 PM <b>NO NUTRITION</b> BREAKFAST WITH THE ELVES 9:30 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM <b>NO LINE DANCE</b> MAH-JONGG - 1:00 BINGO 1 - 3 PM <b>NO NUTRITION</b> </div>	<div> <b>20</b>  </div>
<div> <b>21</b> Winter Solstice  </div>	<div> <b>22</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM KWANZAA PROGRAM 10:30 AM MAH-JONGG - 1:00                 </div>	<div> <b>23</b> <b>NO CLUB</b> SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 TO 3:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>24</b> LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM NUTRITION GROUP HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 10:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>25</b>  </div>	<div> <b>26</b> WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM LINE DANCE - 10:10 AM HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 AM MAH-JONGG - 1:00 BINGO 1 - 3 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>27</b>  </div>
<div> <b>28</b>  </div>	<div> <b>29</b> EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM  MAH-JONGG - 1:00                 </div>	<div> <b>30</b> NEW YEAR'S "EVE EVE" BASH 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  </div>	<div> <b>31</b> LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM                 </div>	<div> <b>1</b> JANUARY Happy New Year 2026 TOWNSHIP OFFICES &amp; SENIOR CENTER CLOSED                 </div>	<div> <b>2</b> JANUARY  </div>	<div> <b>3</b> JANUARY  </div>

## REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center Programs by calling or visiting the center. Programs for Lawrence Township Seniors 60 years and older ONLY.

## MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION HOT LUNCHES

MON, WED, THURS, AND FRI.  
**No Nutrition on Tuesdays**  
**9:15 AM - Coffee**  
PLEASE Sign-in for meal by 10:45 AM  
Pre-Registration Required  
Please call (609) 883-8085 OR (609) 989-6650  
Site Manager: LaRhonda Davis

## REGISTER FOR

Holiday Bazaar, Pinecone Bird Feeders Craft, Holiday Pizza Party, Breakfast with the Elves, Kwanzaa Program, Nutrition Group Holiday Celebration, Senior Center New Year's "Eve Eve Bash!"

December 20th  
- January 1st

December  
24th - 25th

December  
14th - 25th

TOWNSHIP OFFICES &  
SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

# December 2025

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Meetings Only

30	1 Leaf Collection Planning Board Meeting	2 Leaf Collection Township Council Meeting	3 Leaf Collection Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	4 Leaf Collection Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	5 Leaf Collection	6
7	8 Leaf Collection Recycling Historic Preservation Committee	9 Leaf Collection Public Safety Committee Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	10 Leaf Collection Senior Executive Committee	11 Leaf Collection	12 Leaf Collection	13
14	15 Leaf Collection Planning Board Meeting	16 Leaf Collection Township Council Meeting	17 Leaf Collection Zoning Board Meeting	18 Leaf Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	19 Leaf Collection	20
21	22 Leaf Collection Recycling Shade Tree Advisory Committee	23 Leaf Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	24 Leaf Collection	25	26	27
28	29 Leaf Collection	30 Leaf Collection	31 Leaf Collection	1 Leaf Collection	2 Leaf Collection	3



# January 2026

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Meetings Only

28	29 Leaf Collection	30 Leaf Collection	31 Leaf Collection	1 Leaf Collection Municipal Offices Closed - New Year's Day Township Council Reorganizational Meeting	2 Leaf Collection	3
4	5	6	7 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee (canceled)	8	9	10 64th Annual Commemoration of Colonel Edward Hand's Delaying Tactics March
11	12 Historic Preservation Committee	13 Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	14 Senior Executive Committee	15	16	17 Free Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic
18	19 Municipal Offices Closed - Martin Luther King Day	20 Township Council Meeting	21 Zoning Board Meeting	22	23	24
25	26 Shade Tree Advisory Committee	27 Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31