

Lawrence Township Honors Military Heritage at Memorial Day Parade

Lawrence Township came together on May 24th for the annual Memorial Day Parade, with Lieutenant Colonel William H. Kale serving as the 2025 Grand Marshal. The Lawrence Township Patriotic Committee selected Kale to lead the parade in recognition of his distinguished military and community service. Born in Trenton into a military family, Lieutenant Colonel Kale served over 22 years in the U.S. Army as a Field Artillery officer from 1966 to 1988. After retiring, he worked 15 years at the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits before volunteering at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in 2007. For eight years, Kale has served as curator of the museum located at 161 Eggerts Crossing Road, preserving New Jersey's military history through extensive exhibits. His educational background includes degrees from Rutgers University, American University, and Trenton State College, plus military education at the Army War College and other institutions.

Married to Judy Engster Kale for 54 years, their family's military tradition continues through their children: retired USAF Brigadier General William H. Kale III and former U.S. Army Captain Michelle Kale Gilfillan. The parade served as a fitting tribute to fallen heroes and those who preserve their memory.



BEAR SAFETY ALERT

We've been receiving calls about bear sightings throughout our township. Please note: For bear concerns, contact NJ DEP at 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) - NOT Animal Control.

Our Animal Control Officers are not equipped to handle bears, and Fish & Wildlife does not respond to routine bear sightings.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS:

DO NOT approach, confront, or attempt to photograph bears DO NOT feed bears under any circumstances.

Bears naturally pass through our area - this is normal behavior Give bears plenty of space and they will typically move along on their own

When to call DEP: If a bear appears sick, injured, aggressive, or won't leave an area after an extended period.



Lawrence Police Sergeant James Steimle recently assisted the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Task Force in a county-wide operation targeting illegal card skimming devices.

The task force scanned 273 credit card terminals, gas pumps and ATMs across all 12 Mercer County municipalities, successfully discovering and removing one skimming device that could have compromised residents' financial information. Chief Kevin Reading commends Sergeant Steimle's collaboration in this important initiative, which demonstrates the value of interagency cooperation in protecting our community from modern financial crimes.

Amanda Santos Appointed to Lawrence Township Council



Amanda Santos has been unanimously appointed to the Lawrence Township Council following Councilman John Ryan's April resignation. She was sworn in by Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello at the May 6 meeting.

A Lawrence Township resident since 2017, Santos previously served as vice president of the local school board since 2023. She resigned from that position in accordance with state law prohibiting dual service. Santos holds degrees from Rider University in music and vocal pedagogy, and is pursuing a master's in political science. She works for the New Jersey Department of Treasury and operates a private music studio.

She will serve the remainder of Ryan's term, which expires in December 2027.



Free Leaf Compost for pickup at the Lawrence Township Ecological Facility

Location: 3701 Princeton Pike Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Closed Sundays and Township holidays Available, free of charge, to Lawrence Township residents only, while supplies last. Residents should bring their own containers or light trucks for material. For any questions, please call Public Works at **609-587-1894.**



Lawrence Township Tree Cutting Ordinance: Know Before You Cut!

- **Permit Required:** Get a permit before cutting trees of certain sizes.
- **Engineering Inspection:** Required before any tree removal.
- **Residential Limit:** Remove up to 5 trees (8-29 inches diameter) annually.
- **Specimen Trees:** Larger trees need special permits.
- Unauthorized Removal: May require replacement or Shade Tree Account contribution.

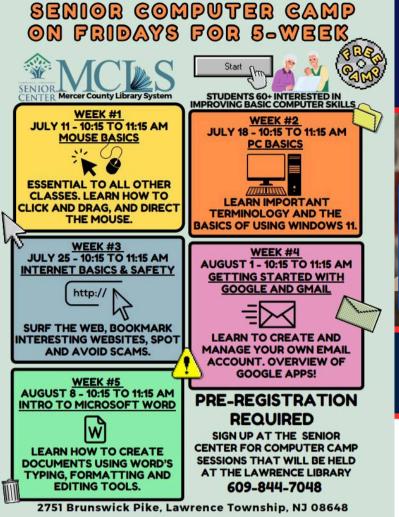


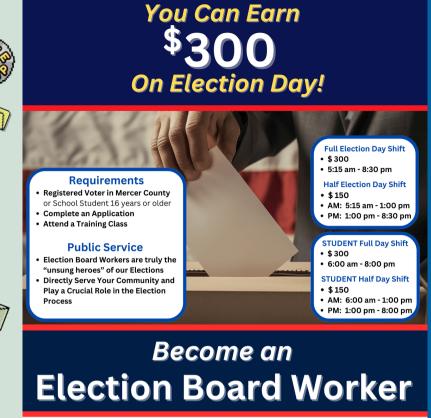
Wildlife nesting season has arrived!

Lawrence Township Animal Control - Spring Wildlife Update

Spring wildlife nesting season is here! If you see wildlife during daylight hours, don't worry - they're likely just finding food for their young ones. Only call Animal Control

if animals appear: Too young to be on their own Injured or sick Showing aggressive behavior Remember: Never feed backyard wildlife Use sturdy trash cans with secure lids Don't leave pet food outside IMPORTANT: Trapping and relocating wildlife in NJ is illegal during this period (as of March 15, 2025). Bat exclusions are only permitted April 1-30 and August 1-October 15. Need help with wildlife concerns? Contact us: (609) 844-7092 (M-F, 8:30-4:30) Non-emergency Police: (609) 896-0225 Mercer County Wildlife Center: (609) 303-0552 Our goal: Helping you understand wildlife habits and solving unwanted encounters before they happen!





Mercer County Board of Elections 609.989.6522

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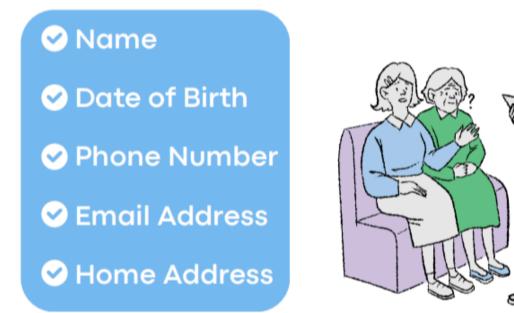
Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW A HOMEBOUND LAWRENCE RESIDENT?



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:



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

CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089

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