



SENIOR CONNECT

JUNE 2025



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP
MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE

**2025
GRAND
MARSHAL**



**William
Kale**



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 inter-agency 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.





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!

SENIOR COMPUTER CAMP ON FRIDAYS FOR 5-WEEK



STUDENTS 60+ INTERESTED IN
IMPROVING BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

WEEK #1

JULY 11 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
MOUSE BASICS



ESSENTIAL TO ALL OTHER
CLASSES. LEARN HOW TO
CLICK AND DRAG, AND DIRECT
THE MOUSE.

WEEK #3

JULY 25 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
INTERNET BASICS & SAFETY



SURF THE WEB, BOOKMARK
INTERESTING WEBSITES, SPOT
AND AVOID SCAMS.

WEEK #5

AUGUST 8 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD



LEARN HOW TO CREATE
DOCUMENTS USING WORD'S
TYPING, FORMATTING AND
EDITING TOOLS.

WEEK #2

JULY 18 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
PC BASICS



LEARN IMPORTANT
TERMINOLOGY AND THE
BASICS OF USING WINDOWS 11.

WEEK #4

AUGUST 1 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
**GETTING STARTED WITH
GOOGLE AND GMAIL**



LEARN TO CREATE AND
MANAGE YOUR OWN EMAIL
ACCOUNT. OVERVIEW OF
GOOGLE APPS!

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SIGN UP AT THE SENIOR
CENTER FOR COMPUTER CAMP
SESSIONS THAT WILL BE HELD
AT THE LAWRENCE LIBRARY
609-844-7048

2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

You Can Earn
\$300
On Election Day!

Requirements

- Registered Voter in Mercer County or School Student 16 years or older
- Complete an Application
- Attend a Training Class

Public Service

- Election Board Workers are truly the "unsung heroes" of our Elections
- Directly Serve Your Community and Play a Crucial Role in the Election Process

Full Election Day Shift

- \$ 300
- 5:15 am - 8:30 pm

Half Election Day Shift

- \$ 150
- AM: 5:15 am - 1:00 pm
- PM: 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm

STUDENT Full Day Shift

- \$ 300
- 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

STUDENT Half Day Shift

- \$ 150
- AM: 6:00 am - 1:00 pm
- PM: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Become an Election Board Worker

Mercer County
Board of Elections
609.989.6522

Scan for
Online
Application



LAWRENCE RECREATION

HULA HOOP



Adult Hula
Hooping
combines fun,
creativity, and
fitness

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANGELA

A Certified
HoopLove
Coach
& Hoola-Fit
Instructor

Spring Session I

Lawrence Senior Center
Wednesdays
March 12th - April 16th
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Spring Session II

Lawrence Veterans Park
Tuesdays
May 6th - June 10th
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Summer Session I

Lawrence Veterans Park
Tuesdays
July 1st - August 5th
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064

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**



CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089

June 2025

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

July 2025

29	30	1 Lawrence Township Independence Day Fireworks-July 1st	2 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	3 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	4	5
6	7 Yard Waste Collection Recycling Planning Board Meeting	8 Yard Waste Collection Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	9 Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee	10 Yard Waste Collection	11 Yard Waste Collection	12
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