

SENIOR CONNECT

SEPTEMBER 2025



Mayor Farmer Experiences Law Enforcement Through Police Ride-Along

Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer recently participated in a Friday night ride-along with Officer Na'Air Campbell of the Lawrence Township Police Department, gaining firsthand insight into the daily work of local law enforcement.

"Thank you to Police Chief Kevin Reading and Officer Campbell for the opportunity to experience firsthand the important work of our law enforcement," said Mayor Farmer. "I have a new appreciation and respect for the work of the men and women in law enforcement – especially here in Lawrence Township."

During the ride-along, Mayor Farmer observed various police activities including traffic stops, responses to home alarms, assistance at motor vehicle accidents, and officer backup situations. She also learned about police procedures and radio communications while witnessing Officer Campbell's professional interactions with community members.

The mayor praised the professionalism, teamwork, and community engagement she witnessed, emphasizing how these qualities contribute to making Lawrence Township an exceptional place to live and raise families. Officer Campbell's demonstration of courage, empathy, and partnership particularly impressed the mayor, who described feeling at ease as he educated her about laws, procedures, and the reasoning behind police actions.

Police Chief Kevin Reading expressed appreciation for Mayor Farmer's participation and continued support of the Lawrence Township Police Department, highlighting the value of elected officials understanding the challenges and dedication of local law enforcement.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



Did you know? Lawrence Township residents can drop off electronics for recycling at the Joseph H. Meyer Jr. Ecological Center (3701 Princeton Pike) every Wednesday from 7:30am-2:30pm!

Accepted items include:

Computers & laptops

Printers (remove ink & paper first)

Monitors & flat screen TVs

Tube TVs

Can't make it on Wednesday? The Goodwill on North Olden Avenue in Ewing also accepts e-waste during regular store hours!

Remember: Proof of residency required & it's drop-off only - no assistance removing items from vehicles is available.



Chief Kevin Reading and the Lawrence Township Police Department would like to introduce Officer Dario DeJonge, badge #278! Born and raised in Hamilton, New Jersey, Dario recently graduated from the Cape May County Police Academy on June 11, 2025. Before joining law enforcement, he worked at the famous DeLorenzo's in Yardley, PA. When asked why he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement, Dario shared: "I have always wanted a job where I can help people. Being a police officer is an honorable line of work, and I can't think of a better way to help people than keeping this community safe."

In his free time, Dario enjoys working out, spending time with friends and family, surfing, and relaxing at the beach. He's also an avid traveler with upcoming plans to visit Aruba and Italy. His favorite movies are The Sandlot, The Goonies, and Grown-Ups. After just over a month with LTPD, Dario says his favorite part of the job has been "being part of this team - everyone has been so welcoming." Welcome to the team Officer DeJonge!



Bats are wonderful, helpful creatures who suffer from a bad PR team! Fewer than 1% of bats in the U.S. carry rabies. They provide many benefits, including eating mosquitoes and other pests, as well as dispersing seeds that help regenerate forests.

That said, bats belong in the night sky—not in your house. Be sure to cap any chimneys and secure any holes that may allow bats entry to your home!

If a bat enters your home: remove all people and pets from the room.

If there has been no contact: open windows and doors so the bat can safely fly out. (if it is above 59 degrees)
If contact occurred, you are unsure, or it is colder than 59 degrees: call Animal Control. The bat will need to be tested for rabies or taken to the wildlife center until the weather is warm enough for release.

Finally, make sure all pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations. Even indoor pets can come into contact with a bat!

Bats can only legally be removed from August 1st to October 15th, so if you suspect bats, NOW is the time to have it checked out by a wildlife professional.



Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer was out in the field getting a firsthand look at the essential services that keep Lawrence Township running smoothly. From inspecting our public works operations to diving deep into our emergency preparedness - including our snow and ice management strategies for the upcoming winter season! . Thank you to all our dedicated township employees who work tirelessly behind the scenes to serve our residents every day!





Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer attended the signing of two important clean energy bills at IBEW Local 269 in Lawrenceville. Governor Murphy signed legislation expanding energy storage (A5267) and community solar (S4530) into law - major steps forward for New Jersey's clean energy future!

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL ALERT

With temperatures rising and high humidity, we're receiving multiple calls daily about pets left in vehicles. We want to educate our community before tragedy strikes.

****THE FACTS:****

- A 75°F day = 94°F inside your car in just 10 minutes
- 85°F outside = 104°F inside in 10 minutes
- Cracking windows does NOT help significantly



Hot cars can be deadly - don't let this be goodbye.





Our Senior Center brought the island vibes to Lawrence! Our annual Senior Center Luau was filled with lively music, delicious tropical desserts, and plenty of smiles, laughter, and aloha spirit!

LAWRENCE RECREATION


AQUA ZUMBA

Blend the fun, high-energy moves of Zumba with the gentle resistance of water for a low-impact, refreshing workout. You'll burn calories, improve strength, and boost your endurance with Instructor Sylvia!

Set to upbeat rhythms, this water based class is a great cardio and toning session.

Saturdays
September 27th - November 8th
10:00am to 11:00am
Lawrence High School Pool

REGISTER ON COMMUNITYPASS OR CALL (609) 844-7064

AARP Safe Driving Course

For Lawrence Township Seniors 60 and older with a valid Drivers License.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

At the Lawrence Township Senior Center
 30 East Darrah Lane,
 Lawrence, NJ 08648


You may Sign Up at the Senior Center, or call, the cost is \$20.00 for AARP Members, and \$25.00 for non-members, payable to the AARP.

A certificate of completion is given only after completing the session.

At the conclusion of the course, a discount on car insurance rates will be applied at the discretion of the insurance company. In addition two Motor Vehicle points will be eliminated from the participants' driving record - AARP

Registration required in advance as space is somewhat limited.
 (15 Participants max)
 *Must be licensed New Jersey Driver

For more information and to register, call 609-844-7048 or visit the Senior Center



OCTOBER 4
CENTRAL PARK
12PM - 4PM

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FUN DAY!

AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL!

FOOD FUN MUSIC COMMUNITY AND MORE!

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**

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