



SENIOR CONNECT

MARCH 2026



Appointed to Serve: Bonne O'Flanagan Giglio Joins Township Council

Bonne O'Flanagan Giglio was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Lawrence Township Council in February 2026. A resident since 2010, when she relocated from North Jersey to raise her family, Bonne has spent the years since becoming one of Lawrence's most dedicated community volunteers and advocates.

Her record of service in the township is extensive. Bonne has served as president of the Preschool PTO, the local MOMS Club, the elementary school PTO, and the intermediate school PTO, and has been the Democratic Committee person for District 14 since 2014. She counts her eight years on the Lawrence Township Recreation Advisory Committee among her most meaningful contributions, crediting her fellow volunteers as "some of the most dedicated people in our town who sacrifice their own time to make Lawrence a better place for everyone."

Beyond Lawrence, Bonne serves as Secretary of the Mercer County Commission on the Status of Women, the Mercer County Federation of Democratic Women, and the New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership. Professionally, she is a fundraiser and event planner who has worked with an environmental nonprofit and in women's healthcare, and she currently serves as Executive Director of the Lawrence Township Education Foundation.

As the proud parent of two Lawrence Township public school students, Bonne is a passionate believer in public education and the power of an engaged community. She looks forward to bringing her political experience and deep knowledge of Lawrence to her role on the Council, guided by a motto borrowed from the hiking world: "Leave it better than you found it."

Spotlight on



Chief Kevin Reading and the Lawrence Township Police Department would like to thank everyone who stopped by our table at the Job Fair at the Quakerbridge Mall and took the time to speak with Officer Na'Air Campbell about a future in law enforcement. We truly appreciate your interest and look forward to connecting with those considering a career in public service.

Please join us in congratulating Detective Suzanne Girard for her outstanding work dismantling an organized retail theft ring operating throughout the Tri-State area. In recognition of her dedication, Detective Girard was presented with a commemorative 2026 Macy's Challenge Coin by Macy's Asset Protection Public Sector Liaison Dermot Fitzsimons. Thank you, Detective Girard — your work makes a real impact!



Chief Kevin Reading and the entire Police Department truly appreciate the continued support from our retired officers who stop by for coffee. We value the strong connections they maintain with the department. Pictured (left to right): Chief Kevin Reading, Retired Police Officer Mike Smith, Retired Police Officer Mike Micinski, Retired Sergeant Al Veltri, and Retired Police Officer Jimmy Smith.



Lawrence Township is proud to celebrate one of our own!

Rider University alumnus and U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer Scott Ruskan was honored at President Trump's State of the Union address in February, receiving the Legion of Merit — one of the nation's highest military decorations.

Ruskan was recognized for his extraordinary heroism during the devastating Central Texas floods last July, where he rescued 165 people, including campers and staff from Camp Mystic, an all-girls camp along the Guadalupe River. Rider University — right here in Lawrenceville — congratulates Petty Officer Ruskan on this well-deserved honor. His courage and selflessness are an inspiration to all of us.

Lawrence Township Welcomes Two New Career Firefighters

Lawrence Township is proud to welcome Firefighters Nicholas Ratigan and Ty Simmons to its career fire staff.

Nick Ratigan brings a distinctive background to the department — a Seton Hall University graduate with a master's in athletic training, he completed clinical rotations with the Philadelphia Flyers and captained the university's hockey team before transitioning from teaching into firefighting full time. Outside of work, he enjoys hockey, fishing, the Jersey Shore, and time with his dog, Gordie.

Firefighter Ty Simmons was appointed to the career staff on January 5, 2026, and assigned Badge #30. A Hamilton Township native and Nottingham High School graduate, Ty first discovered the fire service in 2021 through Lawrence Road Fire Co., where he began as a volunteer. He looks forward to growing his skills and serving the Lawrence Township community.

Please join us in welcoming Nick and Ty to the Lawrence Township Fire Department!



GET THE
LOCAL
UPDATES
YOU NEED
RIGHT AT
YOUR
FINGERTIPS.



GO TO LOCAL.NIXLE.COM/REGISTER

Water emergency?

Main breaks • Service line leaks
Topped hydrants • Ruptured fire lines

Call 24/7:

(609) 989-3222



Provide your exact location for faster response

Stay safe, Lawrence Township

Need home repairs?

The Lawrence Home Improvement Program is now accepting applications for low and moderate-income homeowners.

This forgivable loan program covers critical repairs including:

- ✓ Roofing & windows
- ✓ Heating systems & water heaters
- ✓ Electrical & plumbing upgrades
- ✓ Health & safety code violations

The best part? No monthly payments, no interest. Stay in your home for 10 years and owe nothing.

Income limits apply — households earning up to \$142,160 annually may qualify (varies by household size).

Call Affordable Housing Administrators at 732-966-0674 to add your name to the waiting list.

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2025 Gross Annual Income Limits

1 person household	\$ 75,440
2 person household	\$ 86,160
3 person household	\$ 96,860
4 person household	\$ 107,560
5 person household	\$ 116,280
6 person household	\$ 124,960
7 person household	\$ 133,640
8 person household	\$ 142,160



Program available for owner-occupied single-family homes, condos, townhomes, and owner-occupied duplexes.



Call Affordable Housing Administrators at
732-966-0674 to add your name to the waiting list.



Lawrence Township

IMPORTANT ADDRESS UPDATE



Please update your records!

Lawrence Township is discontinuing use of PO Box 6006.

Use this address for all payments and correspondence:

Lawrence Township
2207 Lawrence Road
Lawrence Township, NJ 08648



Action needed:

If you make payments through online banking or bill pay services, please update the mailing address in your payment system to ensure your payments reach us without delay.



**Need help
with Energy
Bills?**

Need help with utility bills?

“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!

Keep Your Dogs Safe & Secure

As the snow melts and we spend more time outdoors, please remember that **Ordinance 89-3 Running at Large** requires:

-  **Secure fences and gates**
-  **Keep dogs leashed (max 6 feet) & under control**
-  **Never leave dogs outside unattended**

ALL DOGS must be
on a **6 FT LEASH**
or in a **SECURE YARD.**

Don't let them roam free around town.

Let's keep our pets and neighbors safe —
please leash your dogs and secure your property.





The Candlelit Walk was a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Valentine's Day Candle Lit Walk! From the food to the music to all the smiling faces, this was truly our best year yet. A special thank you to our amazing vendors and to the Lawrence Township Recreation Committee for their dedication to making community events like this one so special. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



Upcoming 2026 Events

- **Mar 28 - Egg Hunt**
- **May 23 - Memorial Day Parade**
- **July 1 - Independence Day Fireworks**
- **Sept 11 - 9/11 Memorial Service**
- **Oct 3 - Community Fun Day**
- **Nov 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony**
- **Dec 4 - Tree Lighting at Town Hall**

ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

This program will meet once a week and walk for about 45 minutes each session. The walks will be mild, with mostly flat terrain. A great way to meet new people, exercise, get some fresh air and discover the beautiful Lawrence Township parks!

Dates: Mondays - 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

Time: 9:00 - 9:45am

Locations: Various Parks

(Week 1 - Village Park Yeger Pavilion)

Ages: Adults

Register Today!



LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION

lawrencetwp.com/departments/recreation

LAWRENCE TWP SENIOR CENTER

¡HABLEMOS ESPAÑOL! LET'S SPEAK SPANISH

Instructor - Theodore Hendricks

**SESSION DATES:
JUEVES-THURSDAYS
10:00 - 11:00 AM**

WHAT TO EXPECT

This course is designed for beginners who wish to become familiar with basic pronunciation and light conversation in Spanish. Students are advised that each session will include at least ten minutes of total immersion in Spanish (No English allowed) as a learning tool. Weekly attendance is key, as new material will be presented.

WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Cuaderno (Notebook)
- ✓ Lápiz (Pencil)
- ✓ Tú! (You)



SESSION 1 - MARZO (MARCH) 12

NO CLASS MARZO (MARCH) 19

SESSION 2 - MARZO (MARCH) 26

SESSION 3 - ABRIL (APRIL) 2

SESSION 4 - ABRIL (APRIL) 9

SESSION 5 - ABRIL (APRIL) 16

SESSION 6 - ABRIL (APRIL) 23

SESSION 7 - ABRIL (APRIL) 30

SESSION 8 - MAYO (MAY) 7

SESSION 9 - MAYO (MAY) 14

SESSION 10 - MAYO (MAY) 21

**10-WEEK COURSE
SPANISH FOR
LAWRENCE SENIORS
AGES 60 AND OLDER**

**CLASS LIMIT 15
STUDENTS**

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30 EAST DARRAH LANE, LAWRENCE NJ

Lawrence Senior
Center

ACRYLIC ART CLASS

Teacher Leslie Siegel

Lawrence
residents
60+

MONDAYS 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Acrylic Art Class is being offered at the Lawrence Senior Center every Monday in our art room.

Join this talented group of artist!

Class Space Limited

If class is full you may be put on a waitlist

Call the Senior Center at
609-844-7048 for more
information

30 East Darrah Lane
Lawrence NJ

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

People & Stories

SHORT STORY READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP
PRESENTED BY: PAT ANDRES, COORDINATOR

8-week Fall Series will meet on Thursdays for a 90-minute session. The coordinator reads the story aloud while group participants follow along with their own copy. After reading the short story, members will discuss and share their opinions, experiences and comments.

Thursdays on the following dates:

- FEBRUARY 26TH
- MARCH 5TH
- MARCH 12TH
- MARCH 19TH
- MARCH 26TH
- APRIL 2ND
- APRIL 9TH
- APRIL 16TH

1:30- 3:00 PM

**THIS PROGRAM
IS FREE & OPEN
TO LAWRENCE
RESIDENTS 60+**

Register

Sign up at the Lawrence Senior Center or call or 609-844-7048
30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence NJ



PEOPLE & STORIES
GENTE Y CUENTOS

AVIAN FLU FAQ

Beware of any birds acting sickly or unusual:

- ✓ Coughing
- ✓ Trouble breathing
- ✓ Trouble walking
- ✓ Injured / unable to fly
- ✓ Neurological symptoms
- ✓ Unknown cause of death

Avoid stepping in bird droppings

Small birds:
Double bag and place in municipal trash

Small birds: Double bag and place in municipal trash

Large birds: Call Animal Control

CALL TO REPORT SICK OR DEAD BIRDS:

USDA: 908-735-4513
NJ DEP: 1-877-927-6337



Township of Lawrence **Health Department**
2207 Lawrence Road • 609-844-7089



**DO NOT TOUCH
SICK BIRDS**



Snow & Ice Reminder

If you're working with Lawrence Township inspectors, please help us stay safe by clearing:



Walkways & Steps



Driveways & Entrances



Remove Obstacles

A few minutes of clearing helps prevent slips & injuries.

Thank you for keeping our inspectors safe!



STAY CONNECTED!

Did you know that the township sends out a weekly email about what is happening in Lawrence? It's free! Sign up today and be in the know!

<http://tinyurl.com/latestinlawrence>

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**

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Meetings Only

1	2 Planning Board Meeting	3 Township Council Meeting	4 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting	5 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	6	7
8	9 Historic Preservation Committee	10 Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	11 Senior Executive Committee	12	13	14
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