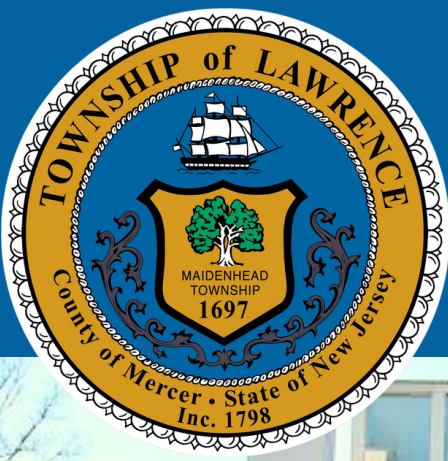




SENIOR CONNECT

JULY 2026



Township Seeks Nonprofit to Operate Lawrence Neighborhood Center

Lawrence Township is seeking a qualified nonprofit organization to lease, operate, and program the Lawrence Neighborhood Center at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, the township-owned facility that served residents for decades before going vacant. The township will formally issue the Request for Proposals on Tuesday, June 23, with proposals due Tuesday, August 25, at 12 p.m.

"The Lawrence Neighborhood Center has played an important role in serving our residents for decades, and the Township Council is committed to ensuring that the center evolves to meet the needs of our diverse community," said Mayor Christopher Bobbitt.

The RFP invites nonprofits to outline how they would use the two-story, 14,695-square-foot building for educational, recreational, cultural, social service, and other community programming. The selected organization will enter a five-year lease, with two additional one-year renewal options, and will report to the Township Council each year on its programs and operations. The township recently received a \$500,000 federal grant to make capital improvements at the facility, beginning with an ADA-compliant front entrance.

Proposals will be evaluated on factors including programmatic benefit to residents, organizational experience, financial capacity, the facility use plan, and community partnerships and accessibility. The process is being conducted as a fair and open procurement under New Jersey law. An optional site visit is set for Monday, July 20, at 12 p.m. Written questions about the RFP are due Tuesday, June 30.

The complete RFP package is available at www.lawrencetwp.com under Bids & RFPs. For more information, contact Municipal Manager Kevin P. Nerwinski at (609) 844-7005 or KNerwinski@lawrencetwp.com.

Spotlight on



Officer Campbell and Officer Cruz were honored to participate in the escort and send-off for Team New Jersey as they headed to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minneapolis!

We wish all of Team New Jersey's incredible athletes the very best of luck as they compete and represent our state with pride. We'll be cheering you on from home. Go Team New Jersey!

Lawrence Township Police Department participated in Lawrence Neighborhood Together's 2nd Annual PRIDEfest Fun Run! This wonderful event brought members of our community together to show love and support for one another. The Lawrence Township Police Department recognizes June as PRIDE Month. LTPD stands with our LGBTQ+ friends, family and neighbors in celebrating diversity, inclusion and the freedom to be your authentic self. A special thank you to Lawrence Neighbors Together for hosting the event and we are honored to be included in events with our community.



Lawrence Township Public Schools organized a powerful DUI and Distracted Driving presentation that simulated a real-life crash and emphasized the life-changing consequences of impaired and distracted driving. The Lawrence Township Police Department is proud to be part of a community that recognizes the importance of educating and investing in our youth. A special thank you to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, Lawrence Township Emergency Medical Services (LTEMS), and the Lawrence Township Fire Department (LTFD) for partnering with us and helping bring this impactful demonstration to life.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

JULY 21, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING



The Lawrence Township Council will consider a resolution at its July 21, 2026, meeting to determine whether the property located at **3641 Lawrence Road** should be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment under New Jersey law.



DATE:
JULY 21, 2026



TIME:
6:00 PM



LOCATION:
**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**



THIS VOTE IS NOT TO:

approve a development plan, building plans, a specific developer, a redevelopment agreement, or any proposed construction project for the site.

This vote is limited to determining whether the property qualifies for redevelopment designation under state law based upon the Planning Board's investigation and recommendation.



RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING.

IMPORTANT: This "notice" to the public has the purpose of supplementing the statutory requirements of "public notice" under the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.



**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!



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

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.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE



The Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program provides financial assistance to eligible homeowners who have experienced a significant decrease in income or increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

- **Up to \$75,000 per household for expenses which may include:**
 - Mortgage reinstatement
 - Escrow shortages
 - Delinquent property taxes
 - Municipal or property tax liens
 - Mortgage payments, including principal, interest, taxes, and homeowner's insurance

ELIGIBILITY:

- **To qualify for assistance, a homeowner must:**
 - Own and occupy an eligible one to four-unit primary residence
 - Have experienced a COVID-19 related financial hardship, and have been unable to remain current on mortgage payments
 - Meet household income limits
 - Have been current on mortgage and property taxes as of January 2020

NEXT STEPS:

- **Visit www.njhousing.gov**
 - To apply for the ERMA program
 - To find a housing counselor near you for free counseling and ERMA application assistance
- If you need additional assistance, call 1-855-647-7700



ERMA is a federally-funded program administered by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

The logo for Lawrence Recreation is a circular emblem. Inside the circle, there is a green tree with a brown trunk and a white slide attached to its side. Below the tree, the words "LAWRENCE RECREATION" are written in a stylized, blue, blocky font with a slight shadow effect. The background of the circle is white, and the entire logo is set against a backdrop of red, white, and blue stripes and stars, reminiscent of the American flag.

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That's a wrap on another great season of the Lawrence Recreation Cornhole League! Congratulations to this season's champions, Ryan and Sean, on taking home the title! We also want to thank all of the players who joined us for another fun and competitive season. A special thank you goes out to Billy Chester for running another outstanding year of this popular program. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the boards next season!

HEAT SAFETY REMINDER



Lawrence Township Animal Control wants to remind everyone to check on your neighbors and their pets during this extreme heat!



Check on elderly neighbors and those who may need extra support



Keep pets hydrated with fresh water at all times



Ensure pets have shade and proper ventilation



NEVER leave pets in hot cars or carriers



Provide access to cool areas during peak heat hours



A simple check-in can save lives - both human and animal. Let's look out for each other during this heat wave!

Stay cool, Lawrence Township! ☀️

WE'RE HIRING



PER-DIEM FIREFIGHTERS Lawrence Township Fire Department

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS SHOULD EMAIL A LETTER OF INTEREST & RESUME TO:

Christopher Longo, CPM
Deputy Municipal Manager / Public Safety Director
CMLONGO@LAWRENCETWP.COM

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma
- Valid NJ Drivers License
- NJDFS Firefighter I Certification
- CPR/AED Certified
- Basic Vehicle Extrication
- Minimum of Three (3) Years Active Firefighting Experience
- Must Pass Background Investigation and Medical Exam
- Must Successfully Complete Mandatory Training / Fit Testing

**APPLY
TODAY**



PREFERRED CERTIFICATIONS:

- ICS 200 / NJDFS Level I
- NJ First Responder / EMT

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

Summer 2026 Fitness Classes

Stay active, healthy, and connected.



1 CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Cheri Dzubak

-  **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
-  **Session:** 4-Week Summer Session
-  **Dates:** June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30
-  **Note:** No class June 2
-  **Fee:** Residents \$12 | Non-Residents \$24
-  **Eligibility:** Must be 60+ to participate
-  **Bring:** Please bring a yoga mat so your chair doesn't slide, and bring water to class.
-  **Reminder:** Please eat and drink water before class.

 Yoga class will be taking a summer break July to August. Class will start up again in September.



2 YOGA

Instructor: Cheri Dzubak

-  **Schedule:** Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
-  **Session:** 3-Week Summer Session
-  **Dates:** June 5, June 12, June 26
-  **Note:** No class June 19
-  **Fee:** Residents \$9 | Non-Residents \$18
-  **Eligibility:** Must be 60+ to participate
-  **Bring:** Please bring your own yoga mat, towel, or support pillow. Bring water to class.
-  **Reminder:** Please eat and drink water before class.

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3 TAI CHI - ADVANCED

Instructor: Glenn Swann

-  **Schedule:** Mondays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
-  **Session:** 9-Week Summer Session
-  **Dates:** June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27
-  **Fee:** Residents \$27 | Non-Residents \$54
-  **Eligibility:** Must be 60+ to participate
-  **Reminder:** Please eat and drink water before class.



4 TAI CHI - BEGINNER

Instructor: Glenn Swann

-  **Schedule:** Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
-  **Session:** 9-Week Summer Session
-  **Dates:** June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30
-  **Fee:** Residents \$27 | Non-Residents \$54
-  **Eligibility:** Must be 60+ to participate
-  **Reminder:** Please eat and drink water before class.



5 SENIOR ZUMBA

Instructor: Sylvia

-  **Schedule:** Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
-  **Session:** 7-Week Series
-  **Dates:** Starts June 17 and ends July 29
-  **Fee:** \$28
-  **Description:** Come dance, move and have fun at the Lawrence Senior Center with a licensed fitness instructor. No experience needed. This Zumba is modified for seniors 60 and older
-  **NOW WITH TONING EXERCISES!** 
-  **Eligibility:** Must be a registered Lawrence resident.

REGISTER / MORE INFORMATION

Lawrence Senior Center

 30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence, NJ 08648

 **Call (609) 844-7048**

or visit the Senior Center to pre-register.



All classes are for adults 60+ unless otherwise noted.



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

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	1 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	2 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	3 Municipal Offices Closed - Independence Day	4
5	6 Planning Board Meeting	7	8 Senior Executive Committee	9	10	11
12	13 Historic Preservation Committee	14 Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	15 Zoning Board Meeting	16 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	17	18
19	20 Planning Board Meeting	21 Township Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27 Shade Tree Advisory Committee	28 Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	29	30	31	1

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Shade Tree Advisory Committee	28 Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	29	30	31	1
2	3 Planning Board Meeting	4	5 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee (canceled)	6 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting (canceled)	7	8
9	10 Historic Preservation Committee	11 Business & Economic Growth Committee (Formerly Growth and Redevelopment Committee) Meeting	12 Senior Executive Committee (canceled)	13	14	15
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