



SENIOR CONNECT

JUNE 2026



Lawrence Township Invites Residents to Master Plan Town Hall June 11

Lawrence Township will host a town hall-style public meeting on the status of the township's Master Plan on Thursday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at the Lawrence Senior Center, 30 Darrah Lane East. The meeting is designed to update residents on where the planning process stands and to invite questions, comments, and feedback from the community.

"The Master Plan should be the reflection of a shared vision for Lawrence Township that is shaped by the entire community," said Mayor Christopher Bobbitt. "This town hall is an opportunity for residents to understand where the process is, to ask questions of the plan, and to offer their insights to what our collective future could look like."

Residents will be able to ask questions and offer public comment during the meeting. A sign-in sheet will be available, with speakers called in the order they sign in and given five minutes each. While the panel may respond to some questions on the spot, not every question can be answered immediately, and residents with specific concerns are encouraged to submit them in writing ahead of time.

The Lawrence Township Master Plan serves as a guiding document for land use, development, preservation, transportation, and other long-term planning decisions. The June 11 town hall is part of the township's ongoing effort to keep the public informed and engaged throughout the process.

To submit a question in advance, email Bgiglio@lawrencetwp.com by Monday, June 8 at 6 p.m.

Spotlight on



Community Policing Officer Na’Air Campbell recently visited Lawrence Day School during their “Community Helpers” Week! Officer Campbell spoke with students about the important role law enforcement plays in the community, the importance of respecting their teachers, and how every child can practice safety and help one another each day.

Lawrence Township Police were proud to join NJOHSP, fellow law enforcement, faith leaders, and community partners for "Chai with a Cop" at BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham. Gatherings like this build the trust and coordination that keep our communities strong, and we're grateful to BAPS for their warm hospitality and to NJOHSP for bringing partners together around the shared goal of keeping New Jersey safe and secure.



On May 8, 2026, Carter Kuey graduated from our internship program after completing 270 hours with the Patrol Division. Our ride-along model gave him firsthand experience in traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, and motor vehicle crash investigations. A senior at The College of New Jersey graduating this semester with a criminology degree best wishes as he pursues a career in law enforcement.



2026 DOG LICENSES ARE PAST DUE!



Animal Control is contacting more than **500** dog owners with delinquent licenses. Beginning in **June**, summonses may be issued for unlicensed dogs.



A late fee is already being assessed. The May late fee is **\$9**.

TO RENEW, YOU MUST PROVIDE:



Proof of current rabies vaccination valid through **November 2026**



Proof of spaying or neutering, if applicable

LICENSE FEES



\$11 for spayed/neutered dogs



\$14 for dogs not spayed/neutered

PAYMENT OPTIONS



Mail it



Use the drop box on the north entrance



Walk in to the Clerk's Office

CASH OR CHECK ONLY



Questions about the license application or rabies expiration on your dog?

Contact the Clerk's Office
(609) 844-7000



Lawrence Twp. Animal Control Officer
2207 Lawrence Rd.
Lawrence Twp.
(609) 844-7092



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.



Although the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony were canceled due to weather, wreaths were still placed at Township monuments in honor of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We remember their sacrifice. We honor their service. We are forever grateful.

f FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK 

Lawrence Township Recreation & Senior Center

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP **RECREATION** 

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP **SENIOR CENTER** 

Fun for all ages starts here!

 **Follow.** |  **Join the Fun.** |  **Stay Connected.**

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



Small birds: Double bag and place in municipal trash
Large birds: Call Animal Control

Avoid stepping in bird droppings

Small birds:
 Double bag and place in municipal trash

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



SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Lawrence Neighborhood Center RFP Discussion



Date: Monday, June 8, 2026



Time: 6:00 p.m.



Location: Main Meeting Room, Town Hall



Purpose: Public discussion regarding the use of the facility and final considerations for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lawrence Neighborhood Center.



No formal vote or official action will be taken



Residents are invited to provide final public input on the future use of the facility before the RFP is finalized and presented to Council for formal consideration at the regular June meeting.



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 1 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



PERFERRED CERTIFICATIONS:

- ICS 200 / NJDFS Level 1
- 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

June 2026

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Meetings Only

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

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
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Lawrence Township Office on Aging Senior Center Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 EXERCISE 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART 10:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (ADVANCE) 10:30 - 11:30 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM	2  PRIMARY ELECTION NO SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES CENTER ONLY OPEN FOR VOTING	3 WALKING GROUP 9:30 AM COLONIAL LAKE BUSY BEES 12:30 PM ZUMBA 2:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM	4 EXERCISE 9:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM SENIOR FARMERS MARKET PROGRAM ASSISTANCE 10:30 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (BEGINNER) 10:30 - 11:30 AM SEWING CLUB 12:30 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM	5 YOGA 9:00 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE 10:00 AM LINE DANCING 10:10 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM BINGO 1:00 PM	6
7	8 EXERCISE 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART 10:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (ADVANCE) 10:30 - 11:30 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM	9 CHAIR YOGA - 9:00 AM CLUB #2 10:00 AM SCULPTURE 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM	10 WALKING GROUP 9:30 AM COLONIAL LAKE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30 AM BUSY BEES 12:30 PM GOOGLE/ MICROSOFT WORKSHOP IN COMPUTER LAB 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM NO ZUMBA MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM	11 EXERCISE 9:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (BEGINNER) 10:30 - 11:30 AM SEWING CLUB 12:30 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM	12 YOGA 9:00 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE 10:00 AM LINE DANCING 10:10 AM HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM POETRY GROUP AT LAWRENCE LIBRARY 1:00 PM BINGO 1:00 PM	13
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21 HAPPY SUMMER! 	22 EXERCISE 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART 10:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (ADVANCE) 10:30 - 11:30 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM FATHER'S DAY HOTDOG COOKOUT AT 1:30 PM	23 CHAIR YOGA - 9:00 AM CLUB #2 10:00 AM SCULPTURE 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM	24 WALKING GROUP 9:30 AM COLONIAL LAKE BUSY BEES 12:30 PM ZUMBA 2:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING 2:00 PM	25 EXERCISE 9:00 AM TABLETOP GAMES 10:00 AM TAI-CHI CLASS (BEGINNER) 10:30 - 11:30 AM SEWING CLUB 12:30 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM	26 YOGA 9:00 AM SUMMER TROPICAL SMOOTHIE BAR 10 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE 10:00 AM LINE DANCING 10:10 AM HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 AM MAH-JONGG 1:00 PM BINGO 1:00 PM	27
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June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month
 If you suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation, please contact 609-989-4346 Adult Protective Services or 911 in Case of an Emergency.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER
 30 East Darrah Lane,
 Lawrence TWP, NJ 08648
 Phone: 609-844-7048
 Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 www.lawrencetwp.com

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 nbergen@lawrencetwp.com
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 apiliato@lawrencetwp.com

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
 Senior Van available weekdays between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. By appointment only - Must call 48 hours in advance. For Lawrence Township Residents 60+. Van Service only transports local. Priority - Senior Center Activities

REGISTRATION
 Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center Programs by calling or visiting the center.
 Programs for Lawrence Township Seniors 60 years and older ONLY.
 MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION LUNCHEES
 MON, WED, THURS, AND FRI.
 No Nutrition on Tuesdays
 9:15 AM - Coffee
 PLEASE Sign-in for meal by 10:45 AM
 Pre-Registration Required
 Please call (609) 883-8085 OR (609) 989-6650
 Site Manager: LaRhonda Davis