

# SENIOR CONNECT

APRIL 2024

## The Master Plan: Shaping Our Future

Exciting news! Lawrence Township is about to update our Master Plan! This vital document shapes our future socially, economically, and physically. It's our roadmap for progress!

Last updated in '95, it's time to reflect the changes since then. Led by the Planning Board and Municipal Planner Elizabeth McManus, this process considers new development, climate challenges, and more.

What's in it? Land use patterns, population trends, historic preservation, and optional elements like economic development and conservation.

Your input matters! Please keep an eye out for public sessions and more information to come in the weeks and months ahead.

Let's shape the Lawrence Township of tomorrow, today!



**Did you know?**

Lawrence township has a sidewalk repair program that enables homeowners to pay for sidewalk repair at a lower cost than typically available on an individual basis.

<https://tinyurl.com/Sidewalkprogram2024>



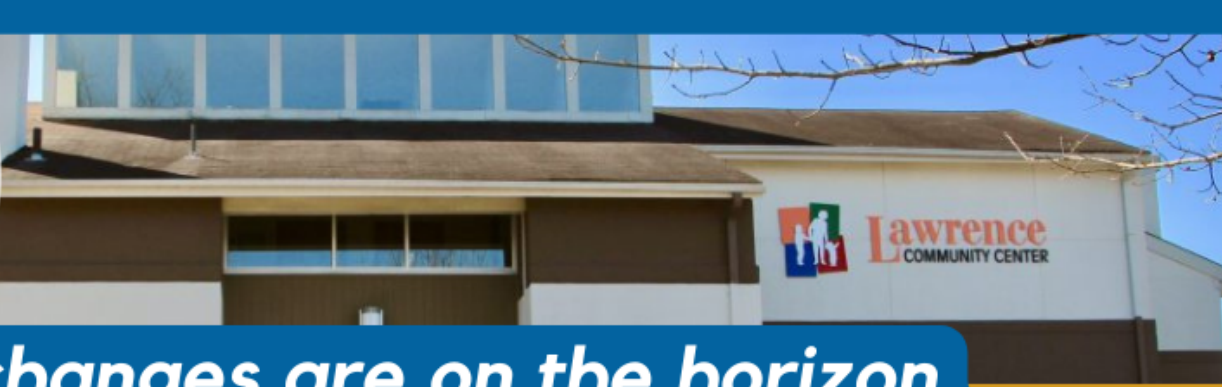
**Lawrence Stream Clean-ups**

**Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.**

Lawrence Shopping Center  
and  
Colonial Lake Park

Pre-Registration is required.  
[thewatershed.org](http://thewatershed.org)

ENVIRONMENTAL & GREEN Advisory Committee



# Exciting changes are on the horizon for the Lawrence Community Center!

Starting October 1, 2024, the Lawrence Township Recreation Department is embarking on a rejuvenation project for the center, promising an abundance of recreational, arts, and community events like never before. This initiative comes after collaborative efforts between the Recreation Department and HomeFront, following the recent renovation and expansion of the HomeFront Lawrenceville Campus on Princeton Avenue. With HomeFront consolidating its services at the Princeton Avenue location, the township-owned community center building at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, currently managed by HomeFront, will now be operated by the Recreation Department. This transition aims to enhance services for the community while allowing HomeFront and the recreation department to further their respective missions. Stay tuned for new and expanded programming as renovations commence, with an estimated reopening in Spring 2025.



## SENIOR FREEZE Property Tax Reimbursement

Apply by October 31, 2024



- ✓ Homeowners
- ✓ Mobile Homeowners
- ✓ Age 65 or older OR disabled



## Lawrence, what will you compost?



- Food scraps, egg shells, fruit and vegetable peels
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags
- Twigs, branches, sawdust, and wood ash
- Dead flowers, dead leaves, and lawn clippings

Questions? Call or visit:

1-800-882-6597

[state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/](https://state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/)



## Officer Spotlight

Officer Jackson has been with us at LTPD as a SLEO (Special Law Enforcement Officer) since 2019. Prior to his second career with the Lawrence Township Police Department, he was worked as a police officer in East Windsor Township. He retired from EWPD following a 25-year career with the rank of Lieutenant. In his last position there, he was the Investigative Services Division Commander. He also served as the Assistant Township Manager for East Windsor Township.

Officer Jackson grew up in Columbus, NJ and graduated from Northern Burlington Regional High School. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ocean County Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Justice from The College of New Jersey and a Master's Degree in Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. That's pretty impressive Officer Jackson!

Since joining LTPD, he has been assigned as the School Resource Officer at Notre Dame High School. Regarding his position in Lawrence Twp., Officer Jackson said, "Notre Dame has become like a second home to me and I take tremendous pride in keeping the students and faculty at Notre Dame High School safe every day."

Outside of work, His favorite pastime is spending time with his wife and watching their daughter Jordan play Division III college softball at Swarthmore College. In the spring of 2023, he became the Head Varsity Softball Coach at Notre Dame High School. He added, "Working with the student athletes at Notre Dame has been incredibly rewarding and I am inspired everyday by their dedication and commitment on the field and in the classroom."

Officer Jackson, the students of ND High School and our community are lucky to have you as part of the team!

## Officer Christopher Jackson

Lawrence Township Bulk Trash  
pick up is the last Friday of  
every month

Residents  
can put out 3  
"bulky"  
items per  
household





## Did you know?

Grant funds totaling \$415,000 have been awarded to the township for improvements to Eldridge Park.



## Did you know?

Property owners in Lawrence Township will **NOT** have an increase in municipal taxes under the 2024 budget recommended by the municipal manager to council on January 16th!

Lawrence Township has secured a \$415,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) to enhance Eldridge Park. The grant, part of the Local Transportation Projects Fund Program, will fund the installation of a porous paver walkway, offering eco-friendly stormwater management and improved pedestrian access. Mayor Patricia Farmer expressed excitement for the project, aiming to preserve cherished memories and modernize park facilities. Construction is set for 2025, with community collaboration integral to its success.

## The Department of Public Works has begun the Mulch Delivery Program!

Please place your orders as soon as possible. This program will end when our mulch supply does. This is a great low cost option that allows us to disperse wood chips from our ecological facility back in to the community. Please find an order form on the next page.

This program will assist us with the dispersion of wood chips from our Ecological Facility back into the community. The program ends when our supply ends

## MULCH DELIVERY PROGRAM

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR DRIVEWAY FOR LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

NATURAL GROUND WOODCHIPS (LIMIT 9 YARDS PER HOUSEHOLD)

3 YARDS FOR \$33.00  
6 YARDS FOR \$66.00  
9 YARDS FOR \$99.00



Place your order at :  
Lawrence Township  
Ecological Facility  
3701 Princeton Pike or  
Dept of Public Works  
240 Bakers Basin Road  
(609)587-1894

# MULCH ORDER

## Township of Lawrence

### Department of Public Works

240 Bakers Basin Road  
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648  
609-587-1894

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Price	Purchase
Limit 9-yards per household		
3-yards	\$33.00	
6-yards	\$66.00	
9-yards	\$99.00	

Please inspect wood chips prior to ordering

Delivery address:

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Please make your check payable to: Township of Lawrence

Credit card payments accepted at: Lawrence Township Ecological Center  
3701 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ

# APRIL 2024

## Lawrence Township Office on Aging Senior Center Calendar

## Volunteer Appreciation & National Poetry Month

## LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p>1 <b>Medicare Patrol Talk</b> Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:30 AM To educate seniors on scams and identity theft. Help prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.</p> 	<p>2 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM <b>AARP TAX</b> By Appointment SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM</p>	<p>3 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM <b>MEDICARE PATROL TALK</b> 10:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2 PM</p>	<p>4 EXERCISE - 9 AM RUMMIKUB - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>5 *YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>6 *Last Day of Yoga at the Senior Center will be April 5th. 2024 Spring Yoga series will be held at the Lawrence Community Center - 295 Egberts Crossing Rd, Lawrence NJ starting April 12th.</p>
<p>7 EXERCISE - 9 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM <b>TAI-CHI - 10:30 AM</b> MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>8 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM <b>AARP TAX</b> By Appointment SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM</p>	<p>9 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2 PM</p>	<p>10 EXERCISE - 9 AM RUMMIKUB - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>11 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>12 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>
<p>13 EXERCISE - 9 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM <b>TAI-CHI - 10:30 AM</b> MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>14 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM</p>	<p>15 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES TALK 10:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2 PM</p>	<p>16 EXERCISE - 9 AM POEM IN A POCKET PROGRAM 10:30 AM RUMMIKUB - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>17 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>18 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>
<p>19 EXERCISE - 9 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM <b>TAI-CHI - 10:30 AM</b> MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>20 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM</p>	<p>21 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2 PM</p>	<p>22 EXERCISE - 9 AM RUMMIKUB - 1:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation Social 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>23 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>24 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>
<p>25 EXERCISE - 9 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM <b>TAI-CHI - 10:30 AM</b> MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>26 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM HEALTHY BONES 1:30 PM</p>	<p>27 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM LAWRENCEVILLE STUDENT TECH HELP 1:00 - 3:00 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2 PM</p>	<p>28 EXERCISE - 9 AM RUMMIKUB - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>29 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>30 YOGA 9 - 10 AM LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>

**Poem in a Pocket Program**  
Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 AM  
Bring in your favorite poem to share while we celebrate National Poetry Month! We will also have a visit from our local Lawrence poets! Call or visit Senior Center to sign up.

**AARP Safe Driving Course**  
April 25th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
For Lawrence Seniors 60+ with a valid Drivers License \$20.00 for AARP Members \$25.00 for non-members  
Payable to the AARP. Call or visit Senior Center to sign up

**Senior Prom**  
sign up for our Lawrence Senior Prom! To be held at the Lawrence High School in May. Date - TBD  
Contact the Senior Center for

**Sign up for Memorial Day Parade**  
Saturday, May 25th 9:00 AM  
Come on out and represent our Senior Center! For registered Lawrence Seniors 60+. Meet us at the Lawrence High School at 9:00 AM. Call or visit the Senior Center to sign up or for more information.



**REGISTRATION**  
Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center Programs by calling or visiting the center. Programs for Lawrence Twp. Seniors 60 years and older.

**MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION - HOT LUNCHES**  
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: Vanessa Banks

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER**  
30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence NJ  
Phone: 609-844-7048  
Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 pm  
www.lawrencetwp.com  
Lillian LaSalle, Executive Director  
llasalle@lawrencetwp.com  
Natacha Pacera, Recreation Leader  
npacera@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 Townships Residents 60+. Van Service only transports local.

**SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES**  
AARP Safe Driving Course, Lawrenceville Student Tech Help, Spring Yoga & Tai-Chi, Volunteer Appreciation Social, Senior Prom, Memorial Day Parade and Poem in a Pocket Program!