

SENIOR CONNECT

AUGUST 2024



Lawrence Township Plans Grand Opening for Hero Dog Park

Lawrence Township, NJ has completed a significant renovation project at Hamnett Park, Hero Dog Park, introducing new amenities for both residents and their canine companions. The \$500,000 project includes the addition of two separate dog park areas for large and small dogs, as well as various passive recreational improvements throughout the park.

The dog park areas, which account for approximately half of the project budget, feature new fencing, landscaping, shade structures, benches, and specialized equipment. The remaining funds were allocated to enhance the park's overall appeal, with additions including a perimeter walking path, improved lighting, electrical and water services, a patio seating area, and landscaping upgrades. Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer expressed enthusiasm for the project, highlighting the benefits for both pets and park-goers. The township anticipates receiving a \$125,000 grant from the Mercer at Play program to help offset the costs.

A grand opening ceremony for the dog park area is scheduled for August 8th at 5:30 pm. However, the Public Works department is currently focusing on lawn maturation before officially welcoming residents and their dogs to the new facilities.

With this addition, Lawrence Township now boasts two off-leash dog areas, complementing the existing facility at Village Park. The Hamnett Park improvements aim to provide enhanced recreational opportunities for the community, balancing the needs of pet owners with those seeking a peaceful outdoor experience.



Det. James Smith



Retiree Spotlight

Retiree Spotlight: Det. James Smith #10

A lifelong Lawrence resident, Det. James Smith #101 served LTPD from 1964 to 1990. Before joining the force, he worked at an auto service center. Det. Smith had a passion for racing cars, owning a racecar with the number 31 - his childhood home number. He married Margaret, and they bought a home in Lawrence, coincidentally also numbered 31. They have two children, James and Terri.

Det. Smith served in the US Army at Eggert Crossing Armory with his father-in-law. Despite a near-death experience in the Army where he received last rites, he recovered and continued his career.

After retiring from LTPD, he became a Traffic Investigator for the State of NJ. Now fully retired, he enjoys family time, fishing, boating, traveling, and NASCAR events. He and Margaret recently visited Italy, touring the Verrazano Winery. Det. Smith maintains a large train collection displayed at Christmas and enjoys woodworking in his garage.

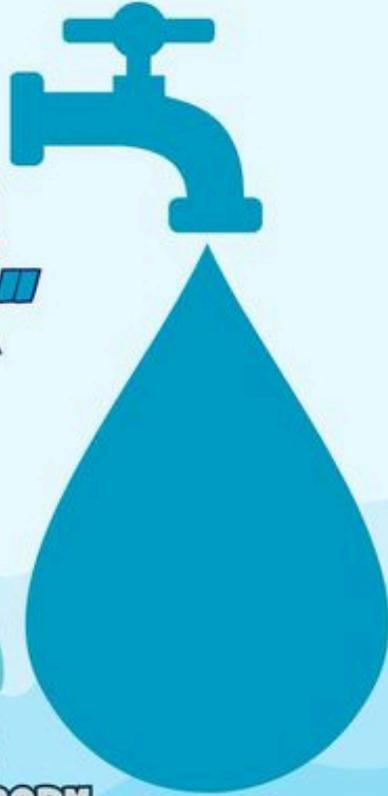
Det. Smith fondly remembers the camaraderie at LTPD, including off-duty fishing trips and vacations with colleagues. He hopes the town remains safe and that the police department's history is preserved.

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

Residents can put out 3 "bulky" items per household



H2OPEN "LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER" FORUM



SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 14 2024 6:30PM
LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

From Trenton Water Works: Advancing communications with our valued customers and service-area residents, we will hold H2Open "Let's Talk About Water" Forums so service-area residents can learn more about their drinking water, water utility operations, and capital projects, including the Lead Service Line Replacement Program.

The two-hour community meetings empower attendees—customers, residents, and public officials—to ask questions about their drinking water and TWW operations directly from water utility leadership. Discussion topics include water quality, lead, Legionella, operations, and capital projects. Please save the date to have your concerns and questions addressed.



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DID YOU KNOW?

There is a medication drop box at the Lawrence Township Police Department located at 2211 Lawrence Road, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648. It is a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.





LTPD will be participating in an education and enforcement campaign with respect to the “Move Over” law



If *you* make the move, others will follow

ATTENTION!

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP DOG OWNERS

It is NJ State law, as well as a Lawrence Township ordinance that ALL dogs 7 months and older must be licensed. Dog licenses must be renewed each year. A dog cannot be licensed unless it is properly vaccinated. Residents should be aware that if their dog is off a leash in public areas a court summons may be issued, except on their private property or at one of the (2) dog parks in Lawrence Township. Retractable leashes or leashes longer than six (6) feet in length are not acceptable leashes to use while in public.

A license tag helps police, animal control, and shelters quickly identify your pet and get them back to you safely. If your pet is found wandering the streets, a rescue entity can see your pet's tag via its license ID number. Dogs that are not licensed tend to be kept at the shelter longer and also require payment to be released.

Contact the Lawrence Township Health Department for more information and assistance at (609) 844-7089 or 7092.



JULY 2024



OFFICE ON AGING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

tinyurl.com/MercerSenior



Lawrence Township residents are encouraged to submit their responses by September 30, so that they may be considered in next year's Area Plan. For more information, or if you require a paper copy of the Needs Assessment, email adrc@mercercounty.org or call 609-989-6661.

AUGUST 2024

Lawrence Township Office on Aging Senior Center Activity Calendar



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

Natasha 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 Township Residents 60+. Van Service only transports local.

REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center programs & activities 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: LaRhonda Davis

SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES

Wii Games, Computer Camp, Senior Outting "CLOVER CONNECTIONS" Aug. 7th, Luau Party Aug. 8th, Trip to Trenton Thunder Aug. 30th, People & Stories Sept. 19th & the 33rd Senior Center Anniversary Sept. 26th! Register for Fall Yoga & Tai-Chi starting up in September!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	NO EXERCISE ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM Wii GAMES - 10:00 AM MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM	DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT TOWNHALL 5:30 - 8:00 PM	LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM CLOVERMEADOWS SENIOR OUTTING "CLOVER CONNECTIONS" AT CLOVER MEADOWS 1:00 - 3:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM	NO EXERCISE Wii GAMES - 10:00 AM CORNHOLE PRACTICE ALL DAY WEEK 1 COMPUTER CAMP AT LIBRARY 10:00 - 11:00 AM PARK PHOTOGRAPHY WALKING GROUP 1 - 2 PM (AT VETERANS PARK)	LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM	
	EXERCISE - 9:00 AM ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM Wii GAMES - 10:00 AM MAH-JONGG - 1:00 PM	DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM	LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM TRENTON WATER WORKS H2Open FORUM 6:30 to 8:30 PM	EXERCISE - 9:00 AM Wii GAMES - 10:00 AM CORNHOLE PRACTICE ALL DAY WEEK 2 COMPUTER CAMP AT LIBRARY 10:00 - 11:00 AM LUAU SOCIAL 1:00 - 3:00 PM	LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM BINGO 1 - 3 PM	
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