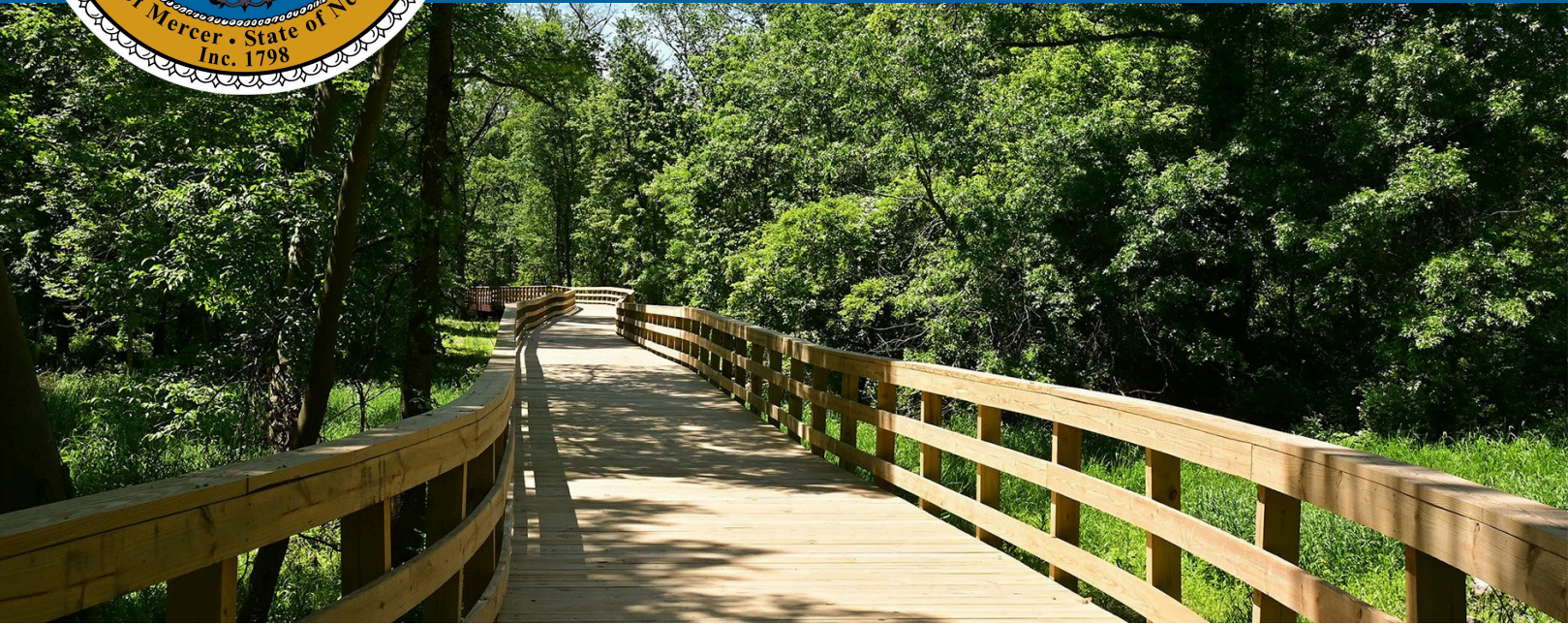


# SENIOR CONNECT

## JULY 2025



### **Lawrence Township Celebrates New Section of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail**

Lawrence Township marked a significant milestone with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Maidenhead Meadows elevated boardwalk on June 14. The celebration drew residents, local officials, and trail enthusiasts to witness the opening of this 0.4-mile segment of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail.

"This project demonstrates our township's long-standing commitment to walkability, bikeability, and access to open space," said Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer. "We're proud to partner with the LHT to make our community healthier, more connected, and more sustainable."

The new boardwalk is a game-changer for safety and connectivity. Previously, trail users had to navigate busy Princeton Pike to traverse this area. Now, they can move safely above the natural wetlands while experiencing the beauty of our preserved open space.

David Sandahl, Chair of the LHT Board of Trustees, emphasized the segment's importance: "This takes riders and walkers safely across Mercer Meadows and avoids the heavy traffic on Princeton Pike. Lawrence Township has really delivered on this project."

The completion of this segment creates a continuous safe passage through the southern portion of the trail. When the Pike Town neighborhood route opens later this summer, it will bring the community even closer to realizing the full 20-mile loop. With approximately 93% of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail now complete, the goal is to finish the full loop by the end of 2026. The Maidenhead Meadows boardwalk stands as a testament to what we can achieve when community vision meets dedicated partnership.





## LEASH UP!

PREVENT DOG BITES:  
FOLLOW THE LAW

### ATTENTION LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP DOG OWNERS

We've seen a concerning increase in dog bite incidents and off-leash violations in our community parks.

**REMINDER:** Township Ordinance 89-3 requires ALL dogs to be on a leash (maximum 6 feet) in ALL public spaces unless in designated dog runs.

This means:

**No off-leash dogs in regular township parks**

**Leashes required on all public property**

**No exceptions for "well-trained" dogs**

The leash requirement protects everyone - other residents, children, pets, and your own dog.

Let's keep Lawrence Township safe and enjoyable for everyone!



Chief Kevin Reading and the Lawrence Township Police Dept. would like to congratulate our newly appointed detective! Detective Charlie Burkoski began his career in public safety in February 2013 as a dispatcher with IXP, serving the Lawrence Police Department. After showing tremendous leadership abilities, he was promoted to Chief Training Operator in April 2014. In January 2017, Charlie was hired by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department (NYC), where he served until September 2020, when he rejoined Lawrence Police as a police officer. Detective Burkoski has quickly shown that he's not only capable, but highly effective in investigative work. With a broad skill set, he remains a valued asset to both the department and the Lawrence community. Congratulations Detective Burkoski! This is a great accomplishment and well deserved!



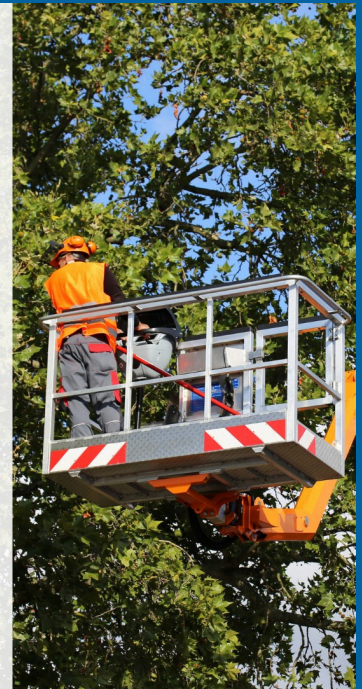
# Lawrence Township Bulk Trash pick up is the last Friday of every month

Residents  
can put out 3  
"bulky"  
items per  
household



## 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 SENIOR CENTER NJ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF APPLICATION ASSISTANCE DAY

**LAWRENCE SENIORS THAT ARE  
HOMEOWNERS/RENTERS 65+**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2025  
1:00 - 4:00 PM**



### **GET HANDS ON HELP WITH YOUR PAS-1 FORM!**

Help with your application for Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze), Anchor and Stay NJ programs provided by Volunteer Tax Counselors on a walk-in basis.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Your PAS-1 Application Booklet (due to State of NJ by Oct., 31st. 2025).
- Copies of your 2023 and 2024 tax returns, both Federal and NJ.
- Homeowners need to bring property tax cards showing Lot and Block and; current and base year property tax.

**For more information call 609-844-7048  
or visit the Senior Center.**

**30 EAST DARRAH LANE, LAWRENCE NJ**





**Heat can  
be  
deadly  
for  
your  
pets!**



**HEAT SAFETY REMINDER: It's unlawful  
AND dangerous!**

**NEW JERSEY LAW: You CANNOT leave pets  
exposed to 90°+ heat for more than 30  
minutes without you being present in the  
same conditions.**

**Pets must maintain normal body  
temperature**

**Fresh water must be available at ALL times  
When in doubt -bring them inside! Hot  
cars, concrete, and direct sun can be  
deadly.**

## **LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL ALERT**

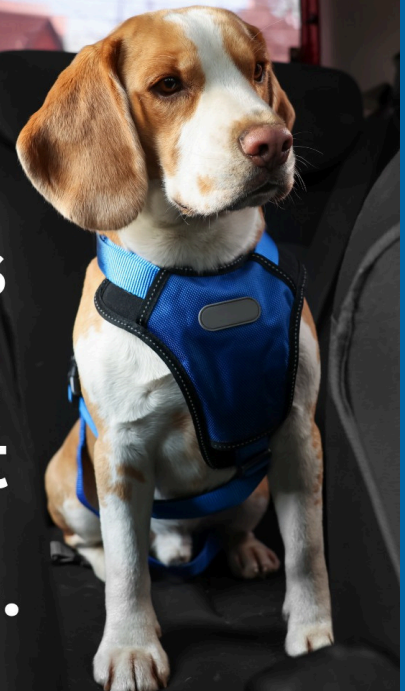
With temperatures rising and high humidity, we're receiving multiple calls daily about pets left in vehicles. We want to educate our community before tragedy strikes.

### **\*\*THE FACTS:\*\***

- A 75°F day = 94°F inside your car in just 10 minutes
- 85°F outside = 104°F inside in 10 minutes
- Cracking windows does NOT help significantly



**Hot cars  
can be  
deadly -  
don't let  
this be  
goodbye.**



### **\*\*THE LAW - N.J.S.A. 4:22-26:\*\***


It is UNLAWFUL to "carry an animal or leave an animal unattended in vehicle under inhumane conditions adverse to the health of the animal."

**\*\*WE WILL RESPOND\*\*** to every call. We take laser temperature readings as evidence. This uses significant police and animal control resources that could be used elsewhere.



**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP**  
**NEW DATE**  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**DAY**  
*Fireworks*  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**JULY 2ND**  
**@ RIDER UNIVERSITY**  
 6:00PM-FOOD TRUCKS  
 6:30PM-FACE PAINTING  
 7:30PM-BUBBLE GUY SHOW  
 7:00PM-LIVE MUSIC-KINDRED SPIRIT  
 9:30PM-FIREWORKS!!  
 GLOW STICKS FOR SALE TO SUPPORT THE FIREWORKS FUND  
**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RECREATION 609-844-7067**

**SENIOR COMPUTER CAMP**  
**ON FRIDAYS FOR 5-WEEK**

 **STUDENTS 60+ INTERESTED IN IMPROVING BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS**

**WEEK #1**  
 JULY 11 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM  
**MOUSE BASICS**  
 ESSENTIAL TO ALL OTHER CLASSES. LEARN HOW TO CLICK AND DRAG, AND DIRECT THE MOUSE.

**WEEK #2**  
 JULY 18 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM  
**PC BASICS**  
 LEARN IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGY AND THE BASICS OF USING WINDOWS 11.

**WEEK #3**  
 JULY 25 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM  
**INTERNET BASICS & SAFETY**  
 SURF THE WEB, BOOKMARK INTERESTING WEBSITES, SPOT AND AVOID SCAMS.

**WEEK #4**  
 AUGUST 1 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM  
**GETTING STARTED WITH GOOGLE AND GMAIL**  
 LEARN TO CREATE AND MANAGE YOUR OWN EMAIL ACCOUNT. OVERVIEW OF GOOGLE APPS!

**WEEK #5**  
 AUGUST 8 - 10:15 TO 11:15 AM  
**INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD**  
 LEARN HOW TO CREATE DOCUMENTS USING WORD'S TYPING, FORMATTING AND EDITING TOOLS.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
 SIGN UP AT THE SENIOR CENTER FOR COMPUTER CAMP SESSIONS THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE LAWRENCE LIBRARY  
**609-844-7048**  
 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

**LAWRENCE RECREATION**  
**HULA**  
**HOP**

Adult Hula Hooping combines fun, creativity, and fitness

EXERCISE CLASS WITH ANGELA

A Certified HoopLove Coach & Hoola-Fit Instructor

**Spring Session I**  
 Lawrence Senior Center  
 Wednesdays  
 March 12th - April 16th  
 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Spring Session II**  
 Lawrence Veterans Park  
 Tuesdays  
 May 6th - June 10th  
 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**NEW DATE UPDATE**  
**Summer Session I**  
 Lawrence Veterans Park  
 Tuesdays  
 July 8th - August 12th  
 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064

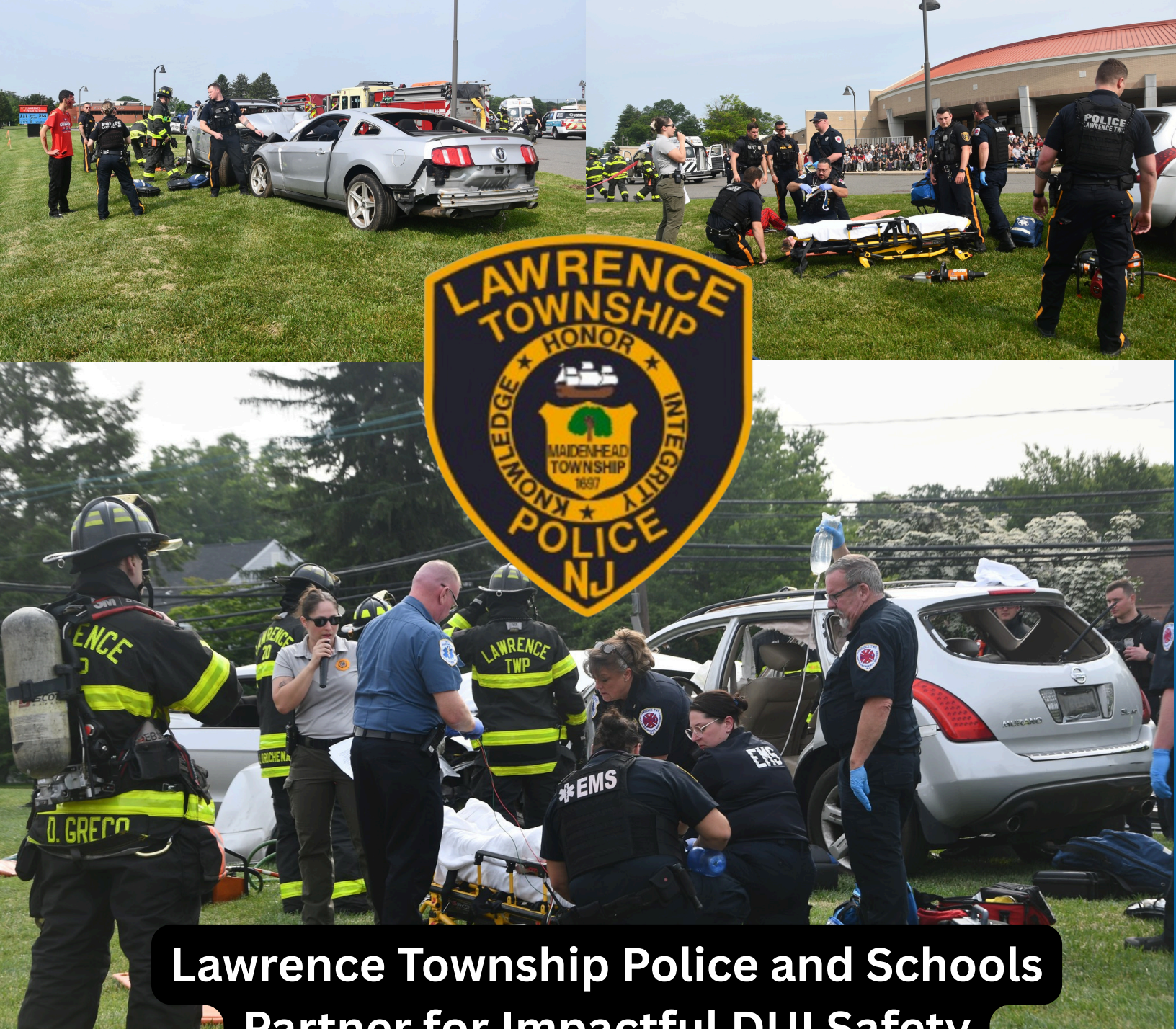
**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE** **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** **LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE**

**AUGUST 5TH, 2025**  
 IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL: 2207 LAWRENCE RD. LAWRENCE TWP.  
 5:30PM-8:00PM

JOIN US FOR:  
**MUSIC- FOOD- AND FUN ACTIVITIES!**  
 ALSO:  
**EMERGENCY VEHICLE DISPLAYS AND POLICE RESOURCE DEMOS!**

IF YOU ARE A LOCAL ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS AND INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AND/OR ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT CPARKER@LAWRENCETWP.COM





## Lawrence Township Police and Schools Partner for Impactful DUI Safety Demonstration

The Lawrence Township Police Department partnered with Lawrence Township Public Schools to host a powerful DUI/distracted driving presentation. This valuable demonstration simulated a real-life crash scenario, effectively highlighting the serious dangers of impaired and distracted driving. We're proud to be part of a community so committed to student education and safety.

The presentation was held on prom evening, and we hope all LHS seniors had a fun and safe prom night!



# 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](mailto:lawrencetownshiphealth@gmail.com)**



**CALL US AT: (609) 844-7089**

SEPTEMBER 2024



# June 2025

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Recycling Yard Waste Collection Historic Preservation Committee	Yard Waste Collection Public Safety Committee Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Yard Waste Collection Recycling Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
			Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting		



# July 2025

29	30	1 Lawrence Township Independence Day Fireworks-July 1st	2 Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee (canceled)	3 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting (canceled)	4	5
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