



SENIOR CONNECT

MAY 2025



Bristol Myers Squibb Celebrates 50 Years in Lawrence Township

Lawrence Township recently honored Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) with a ceremony celebrating the pharmaceutical company's 50-year community presence. Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer presented a proclamation to Executive Vice President Cari Gallman, recognizing BMS's contributions to the township.

With its Global Corporate Headquarters and a second campus employing about 5,000 people locally, BMS has maintained a strong presence since the 1970s. Mayor Farmer, who once worked at the company during college, highlighted BMS's consistent partnership in community development.

In 2024, BMS provided over \$100,000 in grants funding STEM education and emergency equipment for local first responders. The company operates in more than 65 countries while keeping employees focused on their mission with the question: "Who are you working for?"—reminding them their work benefits real patients, including friends and family affected by serious illness.



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!



Officer Spotlight



On April 11th, the Lawrence High School held a walk out for Officer Steve Austin as he prepares to temporarily leave his role as a School Resource Officer and enter deployment.

Steve Austin is an integral part, not only of the Lawrence Township Police Department, but the Lawrence Township community as a whole. We are proud to have someone like Steve representing our community as he makes this commitment to protecting our country.

Steve, we thank you for your service, wish you nothing but the best on your mission and for a safe return!



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 MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE AND CEREMONY

★★★ MAY 24, 2025 - 10AM ★★★

REMEMBER AND HONOR

The Lawrence Township Memorial Day Parade will be held on 5/24/25 starting at 10 am. The Parade Route will be starting at Lawrence High School-Left onto Princeton Pike- Left onto Darrah Lane-Left onto Birchwood Knoll-Left onto Berwyn Place-concluding in Veterans Park for the Memorial Day Ceremony.
Lawrence Township Recreation-609-844-7067

TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



MULCH DELIVERY PROGRAM

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR DRIVEWAY

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

- Natural Ground Wood Chips (limit 9 yards per household)
- April 8 thru May 3 or the program ends when our supply ends
- Order forms may also be obtained at the Eco Center and at the Public Works Department. Payment must be made by check. Credit Card payments can only be accepted at the Eco Center.

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

Place your order
Lawrence Township Ecological Facility
3701 Princeton Pike
or
Department of Public Works
240 Bakers Basin Road
609-587-1894



Lawrence Township Animal Control - Spring Wildlife Update

Spring wildlife nesting season is here! If you see wildlife during daylight hours, don't worry - they're likely just finding food for their young ones. Only call Animal Control if animals appear:

- Too young to be on their own

- Injured or sick

- Showing aggressive behavior

Remember:

- Never feed backyard wildlife

- Use sturdy trash cans with secure lids

- Don't leave pet food outside

IMPORTANT: Trapping and relocating wildlife in NJ is illegal during this period (as of March 15, 2025). Bat exclusions are only permitted April 1-30 and August 1-October 15.

Need help with wildlife concerns? Contact us:

(609) 844-7092 (M-F, 8:30-4:30)

Non-emergency Police: (609) 896-0225

Mercer County Wildlife Center: (609) 303-0552

Our goal: Helping you understand wildlife habits and solving unwanted encounters before they happen!

SENIOR WALKING GROUP

A bagged lunch will be provided!



LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER WALKING WITH EASE

Date & Time

TUESDAYS
FROM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
6-WEEKS
APRIL 15TH TO MAY 20TH

Health Benefits

- Improve Balance
- Reduce Pain
- Build up stamina, strength & walking pace!

Address

Meet at Colonial Lake
100 Bridge Dr.
Lawrence, NJ 08648

Lawrence Residents +60

Registration

Visit or Call the
Senior Center at
(609) 844-7048
to register



LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

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8 Week Spring Sessions: \$24

Fee is doubled for
Non-Residents

Mondays
10:30 - 11:30 AM

CLASS 1

Location:

Lawrence Senior Center
30 East Darrah Lane,
Lawrence, NJ 08648

To **Pre-Register** or for
more information
Call (609) 844-7048 or
Visit the Senior Center



Instructor - Glenn Swann

Class Dates:

Session 1 - April 7
Session 2 - April 14
Session 3 - April 21
Session 4 - April 28
Session 5 - May 5
Session 6 - May 12
Session 7 - May 19

NO CLASS May 26

Session 8 - June 2

*PLEASE EAT AND DRINK
WATER BEFORE CLASS

Must be
60+ to
participate

BRING WATER
TO CLASS!



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	Spring Session II	Summer Session I
Lawrence Senior Center	Lawrence Veterans Park	Lawrence Veterans Park
Wednesdays	Tuesdays	Tuesdays
March 12th - April 16th	May 6th - June 10th	July 1st - August 5th
6:00pm to 7:00pm	6:00pm to 7:00pm	6:00pm to 7:00pm

Register on CommunityPass or call (609) 844-7064

**You Can Earn
\$300
On Election Day!**

Requirements

- Registered Voter in Mercer County or School Student 16 years or older
- Complete an Application
- Attend a Training Class

Public Service

- Election Board Workers are true "unsung heroes" of our Elections
- Directly Serve Your Community and Play a Crucial Role in the Election Process

Full Election Day Shift

- \$ 300
- 5:15 am - 8:30 pm

Half Election Day Shift

- \$ 150
- AM: 5:15 am - 1:00 pm
- PM: 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm

STUDENT Full Day Shift

- \$ 300
- 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

STUDENT Half Day Shift

- \$ 150
- AM: 6:00 am - 1:00 pm
- PM: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Become an
Election Board Worker**

**Mercer County
Board of Elections
609.989.6522**

**Scan for
Online
Application**



THE LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CENTER Help Us Plan for the Future!

**Tuesday, May 13
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

**in the
Lawrence
High School
Commons**



The Mayor's Task Force on the Future of the Lawrence Community Center

Invites all Lawrence residents to a special discussion on shaping the center's future use. Your input is essential to ensuring the center best reflects our community's needs.

The Lawrence Township Council established the Mayor's Task Force to:

- Advise the Township Council on community concerns.
- Define the center's mission and future vision.
- Engage residents to ensure decisions reflect the needs of the entire community.
- Preserve the center's legacy for future generations.

We appreciate RSVPs by May 1 to Rywoolb@aol.com. Feel free to provide advance input via your RSVP.



Free Leaf Compost for pickup at the Lawrence Township Ecological Facility

Location: 3701 Princeton Pike

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Township holidays

Available, free of charge, to Lawrence Township residents only, while supplies last. Residents should bring their own containers or light trucks for material.

For any questions, please call Public Works at
609-587-1894.

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

May 2025

27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	Yard Waste Collection Recycling Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Recycling Yard Waste Collection Historic Preservation Committee	Yard Waste Collection Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	Yard Waste Collection	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Yard Waste Collection 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	Recycling

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		
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