## Township of Lawrence

## Department of Public Works



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## **Division Summary**

Gregory Whitehead, Director

Administration – 2

Street Division – 13

Buildings & Grounds – 4

Parks Division – 11

Vehicle Maintenance – 5

Ecological Facility – Staffed from the Street Division

Code Enforcement Officer – 1

Temporary Staffing – 3

# 2023 Public Works Staffing Request

(2) Park employees – Full time laborers

### **Main Drivers**

- 1) New Hero Dog Park opening
- 2) Business Route 1 landscaping
- 3) Emergency snow removal

## Public Works <a href="Employee Reduction Efforts">Employee Reduction Efforts</a>

- Shared Services
- Contracted Services: Janitorial
  - Grass cutting

- Cross training
- Strategic Equipment Purchases
- Computerized Public Works Operation: Work order system
  - Complaint/Request automation
- Division Cross-over: Snow plowing
  - Leaf collection
  - Ecological facility

Crew	Planned Hours Task	Hours (monthly)	Occurrences	Total Hours
12	Road Dept – Snow removal aid	192	5 storms	960
3	Road Dept – Leaf aid (November-December)	480	2	960
	Mowing	1,828	7	12,797
1	Trash truck	160	12	1,920
12	Snow – Parks, buildings, walks, bus stops, cross walks	288	5 storms	1,440
16	Leaf removal	1,920	3	3,200
4	Sweetgum	640	1	640
2	Field set up (Spring/Fall)	320	2	640
6	Netting, moving, goals	150	4	600
1	Line field	32	32 weeks	1,024
1	Maintaining fields	8	32 weeks	256
8	Baseball fields (Spring set up)	320	2 weeks	640
2	Irrigation – Startup/Winterization	48	2 occurrences	96
2	Irrigation – Audits	32	8	256
2	Irrigation – Repairs	80	2	160
	Black dyed mulching	300	1	300
	Playground mulching	450	1	450
	Tree removals	336	1	336

Total Hours
1,040
200
80
512
500
800
1,280
192
768
64
192
1,040
31,649

## **Available Hours**

	<u>Crew</u>	Weekly Hours	Weeks	Total Hours
Park employees	11	440	52	22,880
Part-time	1	24	52	1,248
Summer help	1	40	12	480

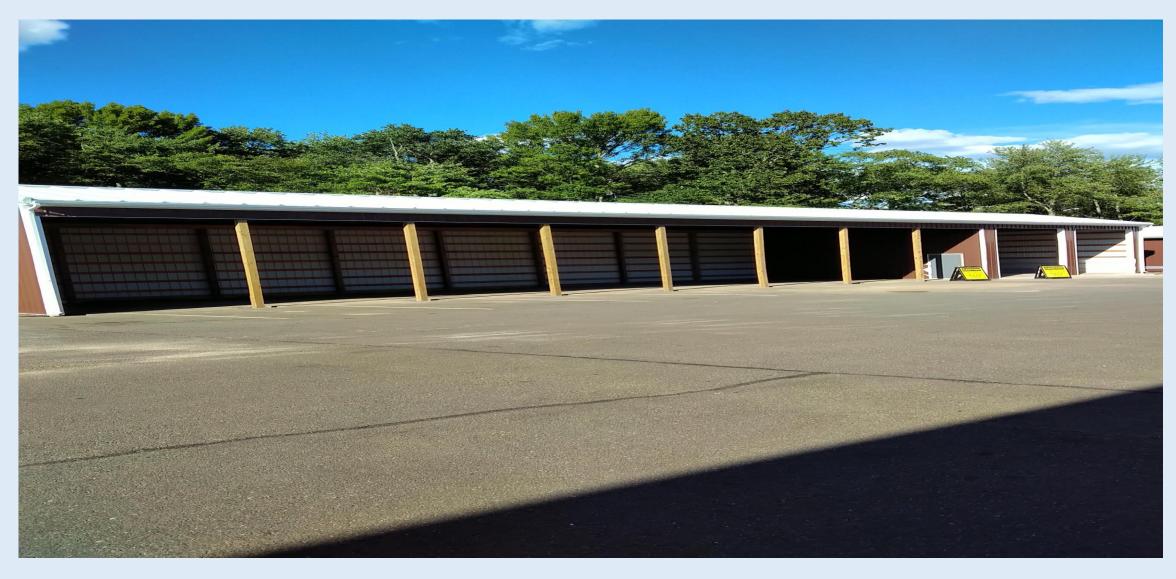
## **2022 Highlights**

- Town Hall Memorial renovation
- Town Hall Electric vehicle charging station
- Town Hall Electric panel installation for outdoor events
- Town Hall Hot chocolate stand constructed for holiday event
- Clerk's Office Office painting, window repairs
- Police Department Hallways and training area painted
- Public Works Garage pole barn buildings constructed
- Public Works Fence installed
- Public Works Epoxy floor finishing
- Senior Center Automatic door installation
- Senior Center Outdoor building light installation
- Lawrence Road Fire Company Front wall repairs
- Lawrence Road Fire Company Lounge area renovation completed
- Lawrence Road Fire Company Parking lot re-stoned
- Community Center HVAC direct installation project
- Shipetaukin Woods maintenance
- Parks Illegal dumping cleanups

## **New Fleet Charging Station**



## 2022 New Public Works Storage Buildings



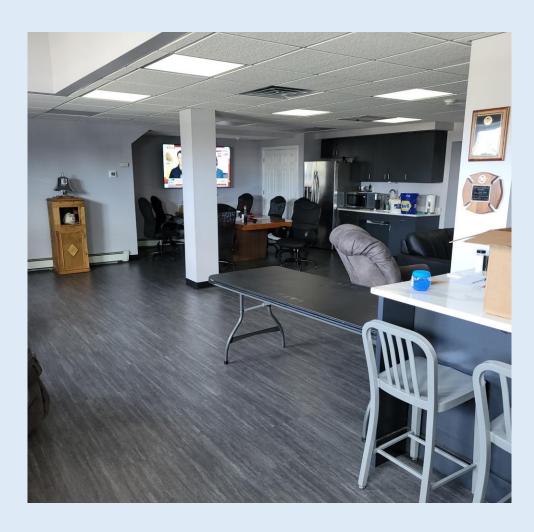
### 2022 New Public Works Storage Buildings



## Lawrence Road Fire House

<u>Before</u> <u>After</u>





## Parks Division Daily Activities

The Parks Division is comprised of eleven employees who maintain 1000 acres of parks, athletic fields, nature preserves, trolley lines, historic homes, pauper and Princessville cemeteries.

- Lining and prepping athletic fields
- Aerating, seeding
- Grass cutting, trimming
- Mulching
- Responding to vandalism, graffiti, resident complaints
- Cleaning walkways, parking lots
- Edging
- Tree pruning
- Leaf removal
- Maintain Colonial Lake Dam
- Maintain walking paths
- Maintain dog run
- Weed beds





#### **Daily Maintenance**

Over 100 trash and recycling cans are emptied
Restrooms are cleaned and maintained
All grounds work is maintained by the Park Division

Village Park

Central Park

Twin Pines

**Veterans Park** 

**Hamnet Park** 

Nash Park

Gilpin Park

Eldridge Park

Stonicker Park

**Turtle Back Park** 

**Loveless Nature Preserve** 

Johnson Trolley Line

Maidenhead Meadows

**Nature Center** 

**Brearley House** 

Pauper's Cemetery

Princessville Cemetery



## **Buildings & Grounds**

The Division of Buildings & Grounds is comprised of four employees that handle a wide array of tasks and duties for various buildings, fire houses, and municipal properties. Square feet of all properties <u>145,470</u>



Public Works Department – 29,071 square feet

Town Hall – 22,684 square feet

Police/Court Facility – 31,398 square feet

Senior Center – 9,798 square feet

EMS Facility – 5,750 square feet

Lawrence Nature Center – 2,480 square feet

Brearley House – 3,000 square feet

Lawrence Road Fire Company – 10,563 square feet

Lawrenceville Fire Company – 15,845 square feet

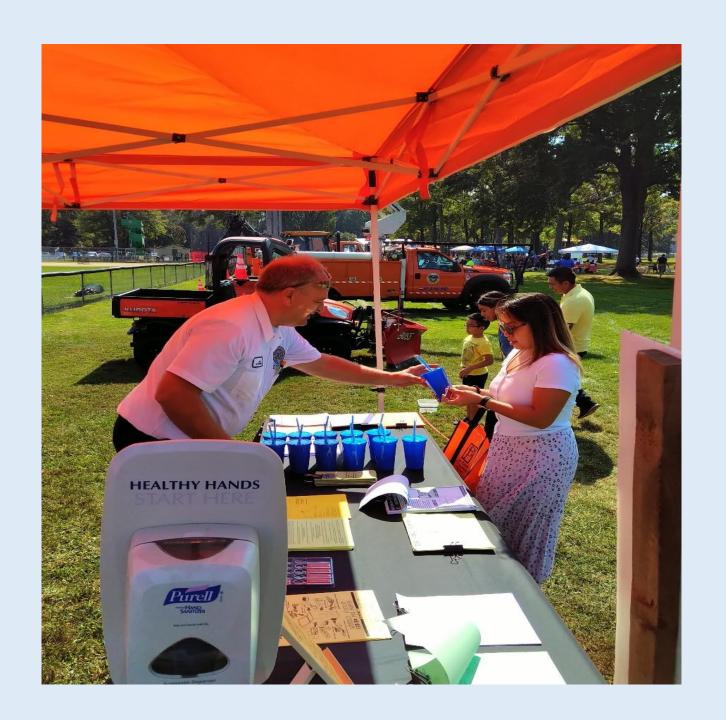
Slackwood Fire Company – 14,881 square feet

#### **Examples of Buildings & Grounds responsibilities**

- Electrical repairs and installations
- Drywall repairs, painting and prep work
- Plumbing repairs (restrooms, water fountains, etc)
- Floor, tile, concrete repairs Ceiling tile maintenance
- Door and hardware repairs
- Drain and gutter maintenance
- Light bulb replacement (all Township facilities, parks, parking lots, athletic fields)
- Minor roof repair and preventive maintenance
- General carpentry work
- Maintain equipment and building maintenance
- Repair playground equipment, park bleachers, dugouts, fences
- Monthly elevator preventive maintenance and quarterly inspections by the State of New Jersey
- Monthly pest control services
- Fire alarm and sprinkler inspections

# Assisting With All Of Our Events

**Community Day Holiday Tree Lighting** Central Park Easter Egg Hunt Colonial Lake Clean-up Sustainability **Fireworks** Flu Clinic **Covid Clinic Rabies Clinic** Clean Communities





### **Street Division**

The division, comprised of 13 employees, maintains over 200-lane miles of streets throughout the Township

#### Department responsibilities include:

Traffic maintenance

Street signs

Asphalt patching

Crack sealing

Shoulder cutting

Ditch maintenance

Roadside mowing

Roadside litter collection

Street sweeping

Brush and leaf removal

Tree removal, pruning

Snow and ice removal

Stream maintenance

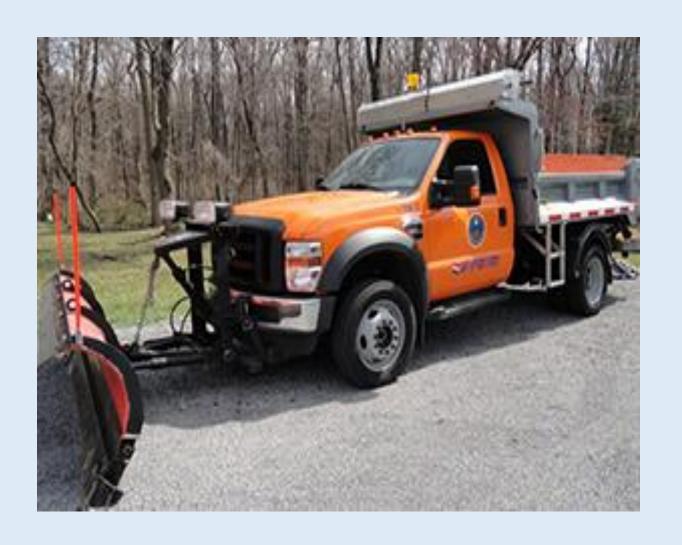
Drainage repairs

Gravel roads and alley ways

Storm preparation/cleanup

Metal collection (white goods)

Trash cart repair/replacement



#### **2022 Lawrence Public Works**

## Electronic Drop-Off Recycling Program

Drop off is at the Public Works facility every Wednesday, year round

Computers 4,322 pounds

Televisions 22,542 pounds

Printers/Fax machines 7,448 pounds

34,312 pounds (17.2 tons)

### **Tree Removal**

The Township manages community tree resources under its jurisdiction including trees along streets, in parks, right-of-way, and municipal property.

Road Department tree work includes: Removal and trimming

Stump grinding

Topsoil and seeding

Collection and hauling

Flagging

	Removed	<b>Trimmed</b>	<b>Labor Hours</b>	
Street Trees	109	396	3,436.0	
Park Trees	39	560	1,376.5	
Contractor	51 C	Cost: \$70,200.00		



# Street Division Residential Major Services

#### **Brush Collection Program**

(January thru October)

Cubic yards collected: 7,308 Labor hours: 3,383 Labor cost: \$97,446.09

#### **Leaf Collection Program**

(November thru December)

Cubic yards collected: 7,358 Labor hours: 3,012 Labor cost: \$84,741.58

#### **Street Sweeping Program**

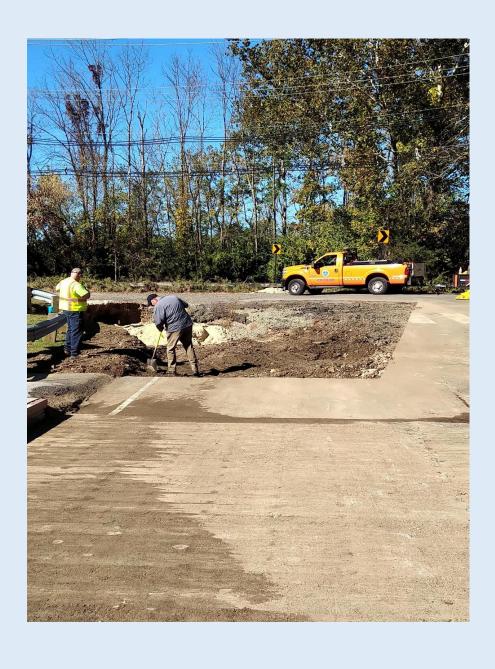
Debris and litter collected

Cubic yards collected: 147 Road miles: 585 Labor hours: 218.50



#### White Goods/Metal Collection

Appointed stops: 527 Quantity collected: 53,130 lb. Payment received: \$4,524.8



#### **Roadside Mowing**

Labor hours: 1,086

Labor wages: \$26,979.76

#### **Storm Drains & Sinkholes**

Drains cleaned: 1,254

Material removed: 44 cubic yards

Labor hours: 448

Drains repaired: 39 Pipes repaired: 4 Labor hours: 1,228

#### **Snow Removal**

Total snowfall accumulation: 22.5 inches

Snow removal labor hours: 1,052

Contractor snow removal: 166.75 Cost: \$24,106.25

Salt usage: 1,350 tons Cost: \$80,922.10

Brine usage: 4,850 gallons

#### **Lawrence Township Road Program**

#### **2022 Budgeted Projects and Current Status**

Road Improvement Program (2022) - Various Roads

Work includes Teak Lane (portion), Bergen St (L-Penn Rd to Craven Ave), Blackwell Rd, Province Line Rd (Princeton Township border to the Stonybrook), Fairfield Ave, Skillman Ave and the Municipal Complex parking lot (portion).

**Work Completed** 

Road Improvement Program (2021) – NJDOT State Aid Project

Cold Soil Road (US Route 206 to Keefe Road) – Included sidewalk extension

**Work Completed** 

Road Improvement Program (2022) – NJDOT State Aid Project

Smithfield Avenue, Devon Avenue and Irwin Place

**Construction Planned for Summer/Fall of 2023** 

#### **2023 Budgeted Projects and Current Status**

Road Improvement Program (2023) - Phase 1

Van Kirk Rd, Princeton Pike (Darrah to Franklin Corner Rd) and Eggert Crossing Rd (Drift Ave to Dave Nevius Way).

**Construction Planned for Summer of 2023** 

Road Improvement Program (2023) - Phase 2

Carson Road, Carter Place, Mulberry Street and Stratton Place, Central Park Parking Lot (west), Lake Drive, Polk Avenue and Winchester Avenue, Little Circle, Pembroke Court, Sturwood Way and Wexford Drive and Shinney Lane.

**Construction Planned for Fall of 2023** 

## **Ecological Center**

#### Number of visits from Township residents - 4,195

#### **Lawrence Residents**

Leaves received: 197 cubic yards Brush received: 1,151 cubic yards

Grass received: 92 cubic yards

#### **Lawrence Municipal Collection**

Leaves collected: 1,589 cubic yards

Brush collected: 443 cubic yards

Grass collected: 0



#### **Princeton Residents**

Leaves received: 187 cubic yards
Brush received: 548 cubic yards

Grass received: 78 cubic yards

#### **Princeton Municipal Collection**

Leaves collected: 6,581 cubic yards

Brush collected: 5,906 cubic yards

Grass collected: 0

#### **Compost Sales**

Leaf Mulch

Sales: 1,449 cubic yards

Total sales: \$15,939

Wood Chips

Sales: 951 cubic yards

Total sales: \$10,461

### **Mulch Delivery Program**

Free delivery of natural ground wood chips was made available to Township residents from April 11 thru May 6.

A minimum order of three cubic yards was offered for a fee of \$33.00.

Total deliveries made: 148

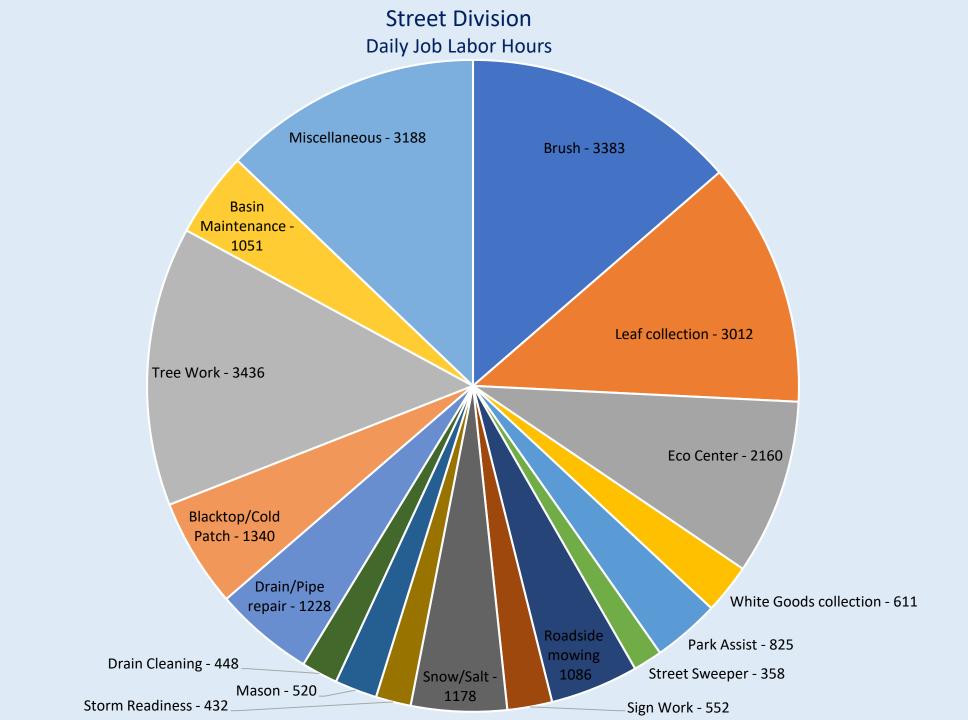
Cubic yards delivered: 759

Fee collected: \$8,349.00



## 2023 Public Works Capital Requests

<ol> <li>Police/Court facility – Paint, carpet</li> </ol>	\$ 55,000
2. Lawrence Neighborhood Center - New gymnasium floor, painting	100,000
3. Town Hall - Employee break room renovation	25,000
4. Health Department – Clinic area renovation	25,000
5. Police – Break room, DUI area	30,000
6. Vehicle Maintenance – Shop truck	145,000
7. (1) One passenger electric vehicle	40,000
8. Dump truck with plow and sander	150,000
9. Front-end loader	150,000
10. Pick-up truck with plow-storage box	70,000
11. Park Maintenance – (2) Two zero-turn mowers – (1) One electric	40,000

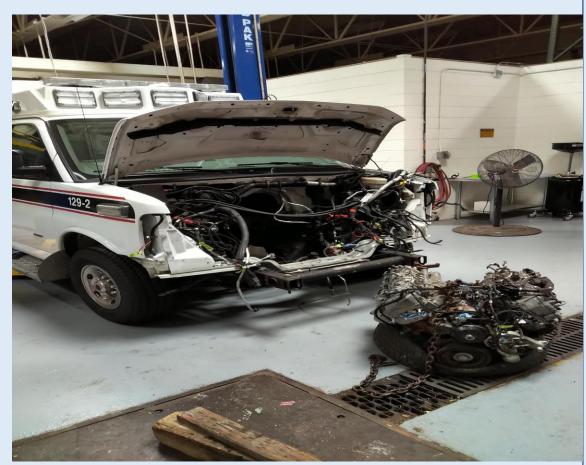


#### **Vehicle Maintenance Division**

The Vehicle Maintenance Division is comprised of five highly skilled individuals responsible for servicing and maintaining over 370 vehicles and pieces of equipment.

#### This includes:

- Public Works
- Municipal Motor Pool
- Police
- Senior Center
- Emergency Management
- Fire
- Ewing-Lawrence Sewer Authority
- Lawrence Township Board of Education



The Division has logged over **850** work orders (services and repairs)

Labor hours: **2,600** 

#### **Vehicle Maintenance also coordinates and performs:**

- Repair and maintain all Ecological Facility equipment
- Respond to all emergency breakdowns
- Shuttle fire apparatus to and from repair Shuttle body work to and from shop
- Weld/fabricate
- Pre-motor vehicle inspections
- Licensed diesel inspection facility (diesel vehicles only)
- Shared service with Princeton
- Hydraulic repairs (re-build cylinders, hoses, etc.)
- Maintain emergency generators (Town Hall, Police/Court Facility, Public Works, Senior Center)
- Maintain state log for emergency generators
- Perform preventive maintenance tasks on Municipal fuel pumps
- Maintain all shop related equipment
- Assist with equipment training and safety program for operators
- Assist with snow removal efforts
- Up-fit 90% of all Township equipment and vehicles

- Monthly fire pump exercising at the Police/Court Facility
- Office furniture repairs and installation
- Deliver furniture, move files, and assist departments
- Construct retaining walls (parks)
- Fabricate and install signage for buildings and parks
- Portable restroom rentals
- Fabrication/sheet metal work
- Slackwood Fire Company generator connection
- Senior Center generator
- Respond to after-hour emergencies

# Electric vs. Gas

\$0.12 kWk

\$3.25/gal.

Lawrence Township Motor Pool Electric vs Gasoline

6000 mile/year



## **LOOK AHEAD**

- New trash collection bid and 5-year contract
- New stormwater collection rules for the Ecological Facility
- Hydro-raking at Colonial Lake
- Supply chain problems Vehicles

Parts

Building maintenance equipment

- All new HVAC equipment for the Neighborhood Facility (grant funded) PSE&G
- (Partial) New roof Town Hall
- New electric garbage truck (grant funded)