

# CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

## 1ST QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Residents,

I want to wish everyone a belated Happy and Healthy New Year.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as Cranbury's Mayor in 2019, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Township Committee, Town staff and volunteers as we embark on an exciting 2019.

As most residents are aware, Cranbury is unique in that our Mayor is not an elected position, but one appointed by the Committee members. All of us on the TC were elected to the TC because of the faith and trust placed in us by the residents. None of us earned 100% of the vote which means we are accountable to all residents, and there are no individual or political mandates to try and push through. By appointing a Mayor each year, we put Cranbury first.

As we enter 2019, we'll be focused on our budget and ensuring we put our residents first. Our financial situation is in the best shape ever with continued growth anticipated and when compared to other town's in the best position of any town in the state over the past ten years. In fact, we're better than most towns have ever been financially.

We have a AAA Bond rating and compared to 10 years ago we have a lower operating budget, less debt and the highest surplus at any point in time.

I am also pleased to report that our two new officers are on the road and our initiative to slow traffic in the Township is coming to fruition. Around early April, you will see our Traffic Bureau back on the road. Based on resident feedback, we already noticed a significant change in vehicle speed, as well as in increased police activity in the second half of last year, and this will be our foundation in 2019. Everyone from our Police to our Township officials join in my statement that we will continue to use and review and all measures to make our roads safe.

As always, our staff and Township Committee stand ready to answer your questions and address your concerns.

With Sincere Thanks and Appreciation,

Jay Taylor

### To Know What's Going on in Cranbury...

[www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org)

**Sign up for Township e-mail notices!**  
**(Scroll to bottom of the Township webpage to sign up!)**

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
LIAISONS**

**Mayor Jay Taylor**

Police  
Office of Emergency Management  
First Aid  
Engineering  
Library

**Michael Ferrante, Committee Member**

Scouts  
Municipal Alliance  
Board of Health  
HPC  
Shade Tree  
Construction  
Fire Official

**Glenn Johnson, Committee Member**

Board of Education  
DRC  
Planning  
Historical Society

**Daniel Mulligan, Deputy Mayor**

Recreation  
Planning  
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Fire Company  
Parks  
Library

**Matthew Scott, Committee Member**

Business & Professional Association  
Zoning  
Buildings and Grounds  
Environmental Commission  
Public Works

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Master Plan**

Glenn Johnson  
Jay Taylor

**Personnel**

Glenn Johnson  
Jay Taylor

**Sewer**

Dan Mulligan  
Jay Taylor

**COAH**

Dan Mulligan  
Jay Taylor

**Traffic**

Mike Ferrante  
Matt Scott  
Chief Rickey Varga  
Denise Marabello, Administrator

**Lake Dredging**

Glenn Johnson  
Jay Taylor

**Resident Communication**

Glenn Johnson  
Mike Ferrante  
Denise Marabello, Administrator  
Debbie Rubin, Municipal Clerk

# **CRANBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**One Logan Drive  
Cranbury, NJ 08512**

**RICKEY A. VARGA  
Chief of Police**

**PHONE: (609) 395-0031**

**FAX: (609) 395-9216**

As we again find ourselves amidst the winter months, we would like to share with our residents our Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Evacuation Plan. Be rest assured that should a weather event or natural disaster occur which places our community in danger, we will contact every single resident whether electronically or by direct contact to insure the safety of, and if needed, provide temporary shelter for our residents. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our plan. Should you have any questions, you may call the Office of the Chief of Police. We will be happy to answer any questions/concerns.

## **OEM Evacuation Procedure Info**

The primary official for evacuation functions within Cranbury Township is the Chief of Police.

The Police Chief directs and designates personnel to support traffic movement in, through and out of Cranbury Township. The Police Chief coordinates the evacuation of persons from locations within the Township that are, or may be impacted by, hazards that threaten life safety.

During evacuation operations the Police Chief will coordinate with other agencies to assist including, but not limited to, the Cranbury Fire Department, Cranbury First Aid Squad, Cranbury Township Public Works, Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey State Police.

Hazards that may require evacuations within Cranbury include, but are not limited to:

- Flooding
- Winter Snow Storm
- Severe Storms (nor'easters, heavy rains, thunder, lightning, hail)
- Tornado
- Earthquake
- Hazmat incident
- Fire
- Terrorist Incident
- Plane Crash

Actual areas of evacuation are event specific. Many factors will be considered in determining how and where an evacuation will occur.

Historically, evacuations have been rare within the Township. Such events are usually limited to a small number of individuals needing temporary relocation.

Public notification of evacuation orders will be disseminated in accordance with the Township's emergency communications procedures. This may include:

- Door-to-Door notifications
- Telephone alerts
- Mass Media outlets (radio, cable TV)
- Emergency Alert System
- Route alerting by emergency vehicles with PA systems
- Nixle
- Email / Social Media

The Cranbury Township Police Department and Cranbury Township Office of Emergency Management is fully aware of what needs to be done in order to make successful evacuation notifications to every single resident within this community. Rest assured that such notifications will be made either electronically or through direct contact with emergency personnel.

Additionally, Cranbury Township is prepared to designate and provide several locations to serve as reception / care centers. These locations may be used as heating / cooling centers, temporary shelter for limited evacuations or areas for residents awaiting transport to other, longer-term care and shelter centers through Middlesex County. Again, these locations are event specific.

## **CRANBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **RESIDENTIAL ALARM REGISTRATION**

Residents should annually complete the “Residential Alarm Form,” which can be found on the Township website [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org) under “Police.” This information is helpful in an emergency should assistance or police services be needed.

### **STREET LIGHT OUTAGE REPORTING**

All residents are able to contact PSE&G directly if they need to report a street light outage in a neighborhood. PSE&G can be emailed at [customerrelations@pseg.com](mailto:customerrelations@pseg.com) or they can be called at 1-800-436-7734. If a resident is a PSE&G customer, they may also log in to their PSE&G “My Account” and report as well. It is important to note the pole number, street name, nearest cross street and an “in front of address” to help locate and complete the repair.

However, if a resident prefers to contact the Police Department and report it, in lieu of contacting PSE&G directly, they may call the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police directly at (609) 664-3238 and a report will be generated and PSE&G will be contacted immediately. Again, please have the information requested above for the Police Department as well. PSE&G has stated that the completion rate is approximately two to four weeks from date of receipt of order.

## **VACANT HOUSE REQUEST**

Residents are to be advised that there is a secure “Vacant House Request” form on the Township website that can be used to notify the Police Department when a residence is left vacant for any period of time. This form should be used each and every time a resident is traveling and their residence will be left vacant.

The information provided on this form is sent securely to the Police Department. Please complete the form in its entirety, as the more information we receive from the homeowner, the better. If a resident is unable to utilize the website, they can feel free to call the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police at (609) 664-3238 to provide this important information. Officers are then alerted to the vacant homes during the specified timeframe.

## **HELP WANTED - CROSSING GUARDS**



Cranbury Township Police Department is seeking to fill crossing guard positions. Work hours: 8:00 to 8:30 am and 3:15 to 3:45 pm daily. For each half hour worked, you are paid for a full hour.

Uniforms/Safety Garments provided. Training also required — 20 hours hands-on and two hours classroom. Training provided to work all six posts throughout Cranbury. Background check required. You would also be called on to assist during community events. Please contact Lt. Giuseppe DeChiara at the Cranbury Police Department at (609) 395-0031, extension 7717 — (Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm). Please pass on the information to anyone you know who may be interested.

## **SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL UNIT AT CRANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Cranbury Township Police Department announces the addition of a Safe Medication Disposal Unit with Police Headquarters.

Chief Rickey A. Varga of the Cranbury Township Police Department would like to announce the addition of a new Safe Medication Disposal Unit located within the lobby of police headquarters. In conjunction with KidCents & The Rite Aid Foundation, a metal disposal unit mirroring a USPS Mailbox has been installed and is available for use weekdays, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

This disposal unit is set up to place unwanted or expired medications in the drop-box to help prevent dangerous accidents with the children in your household. Chief Varga commented, "If we are able to help and possibly stop an overdose of any kind due to leftover or expired medications, then it is worth its weight in gold. To invest in the safe keeping of children in our community is our greatest endeavor."

The accepted medications are any prescribed medications (Schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled substances) and any Over-the-counter medications. (Common dosage forms, such as tablets, capsules, ointments and patches.)

Unacceptable items are illegal drugs, needles, lotions or liquids, inhalers, aerosol cans, thermometers and hydrogen peroxide.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH DOG AND CAT LICENSING**

Dog and cat licenses must be renewed every January. License forms can be found on the Township's website, [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org) or stop by the Township to complete one. Make checks payable to Cranbury Township or bring exact change to the Main Office at Town Hall.

**If your pet passes away, please notify the Deputy Clerk at [jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com) so the licensing system can be amended.**

Per state law, a license cannot be issued if the rabies certificate is not current. Failure to license **WILL** result in a summons being issued.

As of January 30th, 274 dogs and 45 cats have been licensed in the Township.

At the January 26<sup>th</sup> free Rabies Clinic, 49 dogs and 5 cats were vaccinated.

**The next free Rabies Clinic will be on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Cranbury Fire House.**

Rabies Clinics in Middlesex: Please note that rabies clinics are held in most towns in the county all year long. Please check online at the Township website or contact Cranbury's Health Officer, at 799-0909 x1219, for more information on others. As always, the clinics are free of charge.



## **CLERK'S OFFICE ELECTION NEWS**

The Primary Election will be held this year on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. All petitions for Democratic and Republican candidates are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019. No Petitions will be accepted after 4:00 p.m.

May 14th is Voter Registration Deadline for **Primary** Election (21 days before election) per N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

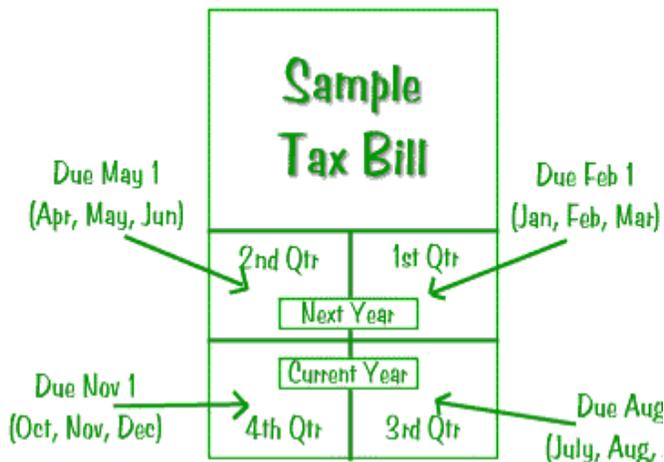
More information on upcoming election dates can be found at [www.njelections.org](http://www.njelections.org)

## TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector: Phone: (609) 664-3132  
Tax Clerk: Rosanne Tagliamonte  
Phone: (609) 664-3128

The Tax Collector's Office is located in the Municipal Building. Payments can be dropped off during normal business hours. It is the Collector's responsibility to collect all taxes from the residents of Cranbury.

Taxes are due quarterly: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st. There is a 10-day grace period for each quarter and if the 10th should fall on a Saturday, Sunday or even a holiday, the grace period is extended to the next business day. The bill you receive has 3rd and 4th quarters of the current year and 1st and 2nd of the following year.



Your tax stubs clearly state when the payments are due. Your tax stub should accompany your payment. If a receipt is needed, you **must mail the entire bill with an enclosed self-address stamped envelope**. If the entire bill is not enclosed your check will serve as your receipt.

If you use **bill pay** through your bank, please clearly identify your property with the address or block and lot in the memo line.

You may qualify for one of the following: Veterans, Senior Citizen, Widow, and Disabled Person. Call the Tax Assessor or Collector for more information.

## Town Hall Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Meetings held **EVERY** month

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 pm**

in the  
**Cranbury Methodist Church**

**Fellowship Hall**  
21 North Main Street  
Cranbury

See our Web Site for Contacts and Details:  
[www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org](http://www.CranburydigitalCameraClub.org)

## CRANBURY VOLUNTEER

### FIRE COMPANY



The Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company needs volunteers! For more information, visit our website at [www.cranburyfire.org](http://www.cranburyfire.org) or call 609-395-0633

## Winter 2019 @ Your Library

The libraries' most powerful asset is the conversation they provide—between books and readers, between children and parents, between individuals and the collective world. Take them away and those voices turn inwards or vanish. Turns out that libraries have nothing at all to do with silence. ~ Bella Bathurst

### *From the Director's Desk*

**Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.** begins our **Great Decisions** discussion group. The program model, developed by the Foreign Policy Association, "involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD, and meeting in a Discussion Group to talk about the most critical global issues facing America today." The Foreign Policy Association is the nation's oldest organization devoted to citizen education in international affairs. [[www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)]

Each year, eight topics are chosen by a panel of experts. The schedule is as follows:

- Feb 12 - Refugees and Global Migration
- Mar 12 - The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Apr 9 - Nuclear negotiations
- May 14 - The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Jun 11 - Decoding U.S.-China Trade
- Jul 9 - Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- Aug 13 - The United States and Mexico
- Sep 10 - State of the State Department and Diplomacy

The library has several copies of the 2019 Briefing Book to loan as well as the DVD, Great Decisions in Foreign Policy. The DVD contains eight half-hour documentaries.

For this Great Decisions program the library is partnering with the Cranbury Women's Club Foreign Affairs department. The discussions will use the Conversation Café method where each person should be "willing to listen as much as speak." This is a conversation - NOT a debate. To read more about the Conversation Café method go to [www.conversationcafe.org](http://www.conversationcafe.org).

*Marilynn Mullen*

### Library Hours

Monday to Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Library Closed February 18 and April 19 & 20**

### Featured Classes

#### Backyard Birds

**Saturday, February 2  
at 11:00 a.m.**



Learn how you can participate in the Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count in your own backyard. Kathy Easton will have her scope to help you identify local birds. This program is for all ages. **Enroll online or at the library.**

#### History of the Ku Klux Klan

**Saturday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

Local resident Frank Marlowe will review the Klan's history and look at parallels between the past and today. The Ku Klux Klan is notorious for being a secret organization that enforced white supremacy after the civil war. After the civil rights movement of the 60s it faded from public attention. Today many fear that the ideas the Klan stood for may be gaining legitimacy in the public domain.



**Enroll online or at the library.**

### New York Times Online

Get access to the NY Times online, courtesy of The Cranbury Public Library!

What you get:

- ◆ Full access to the NY Times and the International NY Times.
- ◆ The ability to share content across social media or through email.
- ◆ Condensed news by topic; global financial news; track the most read items.
- ◆ NY Times historical content.
- ◆ Access to some outside/cross-referenced news sources selected by the NY Times.

Just click the NYT link on the library webpage. Next click the REDEEM button to log in. First time users need to create a NYT online account.

## Happening @ Your Library

### Of Interest to Adults

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#### **Make a Card for Valentine's Day**

**Tuesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m.**

Learn the basics of greeting card making using rubber stamped images and interesting folding and layering techniques to create Valentine's Day cards. This is a hands on class.

#### **Great Decisions Discussions**

**Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

Discuss the most critical foreign policy issues facing America today. The first topic is "Refugees and Global Migration." Copies of the 2019 Briefing Book and DVD are available to borrow.

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Discuss critical foreign policy issues facing America today. The topic is "The Middle East: Regional Disorder."

#### **The Life of Albert Einstein**

**Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

Learn about the man whose name has become synonymous with "genius."

#### **Great Decisions Discussions**

**Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

Discuss critical foreign policy issues facing America today. The topic is "Nuclear negotiations."

#### **Go, Van Gogh!**

**Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Explore Van Gogh's works of art, with a focus on pieces at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Discuss the differences between experiencing original artwork and reproductions.

#### **Tech Talk with Jay**

**Second Mondays at 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Spinning Yarns Craft Circle**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Gambino Room for an hour of knitting, crocheting, crafts and conversation. All levels welcome.

#### **Library Book Discussion Groups**

**3rd Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.**

**4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

New members always welcome. See us on GoodReads at [Cranbury Public Library Book Chat](#).

Enroll online or call the library at 609-655-0555 to attend our classes and events.

### For Preschoolers



#### **Family Storytime!**

**Every Wednesday and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, at 10:30 a.m.**

All ages welcome for stories and fun!

Learn how your child can read

**1,000 Books  
Before Kindergarten!**

Ask the library staff for a reading kit.



### For Kids

#### **Backyard Birds**

**Saturday, February 2 at 11:00 a.m.**

Learn how you can participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count in your own backyard.

#### **Put On Your Writing Gloves**

**Saturday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m.**

Poetry, short story development and more! Writing workshops for literary minds, grades 2 to 3. This program is organized in association with the Helene Cody Foundation.

#### **Chromebook Connection**

Use the library's Chromebooks to work on homework, do school projects, or play games with your group.

#### **Drop In Games**

Ask at the desk for board games or the Raspberry Pi Minecraft Server and play with friends.

#### **Chess Club**

**Every Monday at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Learn to play chess through instruction and practice.

#### **Make Something of It!**

**Every second Tuesday from 3:45-4:30 p.m.**

Celebrate reading with books and a craft. Grades K - 2.

#### **Spark Club**

**Every third Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Tinker, create and spark your imagination! For ages 8 and up.



**NOTARY SERVICE**  
is available at the library!  
Call to make an appointment.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

### **SPRING PROGRAMS**

#### **BATON TWIRLING**

Discover the joys of baton twirling! Learn twirls and marching and develop entertaining routines with new friends. Taught by Cranbury Mom, teacher and instructor Wendy Borg. This program is offered to boys and girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades and is held Saturday mornings from 9-10 am at the Cranbury School new gym. Dates: April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 18, 25. The kids will march in the township Memorial Day Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>! Look for registration forms in your child's backpack, at Town Hall or online at [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org). Registration deadline in March 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SOCCER SQUIRTS (Ages 3 to 5)**

Participants will learn the fundamental skills of soccer, including dribbling, passing, shooting and defending. Players will be taught through structured activities, fun games, and scrimmages.

For more information and online registration visit [www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com).

#### **TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS (Ages 3-5)**

Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.

For more information and online registration visit [www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com).

#### **SENIOR SOCCER SQUIRTS (Ages 5-7)**

Players learn the principles of attacking, defending and passing, and will be encouraged to apply these skills to game scenarios. All Senior Squirts curriculums create an environment which allows players to develop and progress within sport. For

more information and online registration visit [www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com).

#### **YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS**

The Recreation Commission is planning Spring Tennis lessons on Friday afternoons at Village Park starting late April. Classes will be held for seven weeks and will be offered from ages 3 to 8 years of age. Professional instructors from the U.S. Sports Institute will direct this program. For more information and online registration visit [www.USsportsInstitute.com](http://www.USsportsInstitute.com).

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

#### **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>**

Conveniently located at the Cranbury School, we offer a fun-filled summer with friends. Kids enjoy outdoor activities, swimming, games, sports and fun trips. Flexible one-week registrations are available. A generous discount and free T-Shirt are available to those who sign up early. Look for registration information in late February.

#### **Little People's Camp**

For kids entering pre-K  
Age 3-5 by June 25th.  
Hours: 8:30-12:00

#### **Junior Day Camp**

For kids entering K-4th Grades  
Hours: 8:30-3:00

#### **Senior Day Camp**

For kids entering 5th-8th Grades  
Hours: 8:30-3:00

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Cranbury Recreation also offers various sports camp in the summer months. Previous camps include basketball, tennis, multi-sports and soccer. Watch the Township website for more information regarding these programs.

## OUTDOOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Don't miss our exciting outdoor basketball league. Last year was the fourth year and it continued to be a big success. Games will be played on Tuesdays nights starting in early May and running through late June. Boys and girls in grades 3-5 will play from 6-7 pm and grades 6-8 will play from 7-8 pm. Games will have referees, and coaches will be assigned to each team. Watch the Township website for more information.

For more information regarding any Recreation Department offering call 395-0900 ext. \*243 or visit the Township website at [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org)

## SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

Any Senior Groups or individuals wishing to use the Senior Center need to be registered with the Township. Registration forms are available at Town Hall. Call (609) 395-0900 x 243 for more information.

Mahjong	Tuesdays at 12:30
FREE Seated Exercise	Wednesdays 9-10 am
Canasta	Thursdays at 12:30
Luncheon Program	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 12-2 pm

## SENIOR MAILING LIST

If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive information on Senior Center events, please register as a member of the Senior Center. Call the Recreation Office at (609) 395-0900 x 243.

## TAI CHI

The Cranbury Recreation Commission is sponsoring **TAI CHI** for Cranbury Residents. Tai Chi is an art that stresses slow breathing, balanced & relaxed postures and absolute calmness of mind. Classes will be conducted by Ms. June Counterman, who has been teaching Tai Chi for over 20 years and has studied with several Chinese Grand Masters, including the head of the Yang family.

The classes will be held at the St. David's Church on Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The fees are as follows: Seniors = \$40, Non-Seniors = \$65. Look for Registration forms at Town Hall or online at [www.cranburytownship.org](http://www.cranburytownship.org).

## LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

The Senior Center hosts luncheons and programs twice a month. Registration for the luncheon must be made at least one week in advance by calling the Recreation Office at 395-0900 x 243. You do not need to register ahead of time if you are only attending the program. A charge of \$3.00 per person for lunch is collected at the door. For more information regarding luncheon programs call the Recreation Office at 395-0900, ext. \* 243.

Friday, February 8	Valentine Card Making Alicia Vincelette
Friday, February 22	Downsizing & Decluttering Alexandra Amato Right at Home
Friday, March 8	Better Hearing Presentation and Screenings
Friday, March 22	St. Patrick's Day Sing Along Ian Gallagher
Friday April 12	Internet, Email and Social Media Safety, Jay Oliver, Cranbury Library
Friday, April 26	Insurance 101 Mitch Minkowski, Rue Insurance
Friday, May 10	Archeology in NJ Gregory Lattanzi, Curator of Archeology NJ State Museum

## PARKS COMMISSION

Winter is typically not the busiest time people use our parks, but there are a number of things you can do now. Cranbury Brook Preserve is a beautiful natural trail along Cranbury Brook where people can walk, jog, cross-country ski, bird watch. White-throated sparrows, hooded mergansers and yellow-rumped warblers are just a few winter-only birds you can see along with year-round great blue herons, bald eagles, woodpeckers, and Northern cardinals or just enjoy nature from the benches along the trail. Reinhardt Preserve, Hagerty, Unami Woods, and Shadow Oaks all offer similar opportunities in a natural setting for outdoor enthusiasts. Heritage Park and its paved walkways are popular for walkers and joggers year-round. And on the occasional warm winter day, you can play basketball, tennis or cook out in Village Park or kick a ball around there or in Millstone Park and the West fields.

For history buffs, you can see barns dating to the 1700s in Barn Park, the farmland from Unami Woods, the monuments for World War I, Civil War and other veterans in Memorial Park and the sign there showing the historical uses on Brainerd Lake back to the 1800s and George Washington's trip through Cranbury to the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. There are also children's play areas in Village, Heritage and Millstone Parks. You can find out where these parks are located by going on the Township website ([cranburytownship.org](http://cranburytownship.org)), clicking on "Parks and Open Spaces" on the left side, and then on the specific park you'd like to see.

The Parks Commission is the steward of your parks. To that end, over the past two years and with the generous support of the Township Committee, we began a campaign to improve and enhance our parks. Working with our excellent Department of Public Works to minimize out of pocket costs, we have, among other items, installed signs to identify our parks, planted shrubs and flowers for safety and beauty, and repaired the fifty-year old fence in Village Park. This year we plan to focus on Village Park and repair the gazebo and pavilion, clean up the bike path and do other improvements.

Lastly, we seek your feedback as to what elements of our parks you like and use, don't like, and what additional elements you would like us to provide. You can contact our secretary, Jean Golisano, at 609-664-3130 or [jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com)). We plan on conducting a survey later this year to seek your input in a more formal way. Last but not least, let us know if you'd like to volunteer to serve on or help the

Parks Commission. We're here to serve you; please help us in any way you can.

## WOMAN'S CLUB OF CRANBURY

The Woman's Club has a new Web page, [www.thewomansclubofcranbury.com](http://www.thewomansclubofcranbury.com), that shows so many of the things that the members are participating in. Access the site and see why our members have been having such a great time! The General Meetings are sponsored each month by one of the Departments and then each Department has their own meeting. Gourmet will be sponsoring the February General Meeting, which will feature a Chili Bake Off. In March the Conservation and Garden Club will make posies for the Elms, which will be given to the residents and to decorate the rooms. Drama and Literature will present Carole Nelson, who will give a program on the Underground Railroad Quilt in April.

The May meeting wraps up the year with a light dinner hosted by the Board members for all of the Club members. We also install the new Board Members and wish everyone a fun-filled summer. The general meetings meet at Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, usually on the first Wednesday of each month, and visitors are always welcome. For further information, check our website or contact Jane Elias, President at [billelias@aol.com](mailto:billelias@aol.com).

A **Spring Fashion Show**, to benefit the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund, will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, April 25 at St. David's Episcopal Church, 90 S. Main Street, Cranbury. We are delighted that Cranbury's **Highbar Boutique** will present the fashions, and the models will be members of the Woman's Club! Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served, along with wine and other beverages. There will be door prizes and table favors. If you are looking for something special, Highbar Boutique accessories and gifts will be available for purchase with cash or check.

**Tickets are \$30 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold.** They are available at Highbar Boutique, 33 N. Main Street or by check made payable to The Woman's Club of Cranbury and mailed to The Woman's Club of Cranbury, PO Box 94, Cranbury, NJ 08512. Please include your email address, and you will receive an email receipt and can pick up your ticket(s) at the door.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### SNOW AND PLOWING

This winter season has been pretty mild with the cold temperatures and the absence of snow - so far! As a reminder, when snowfalls are forecasted, it is best to remove vehicles, trash/recycle cans, basketball hoops, and other property from the streets *before* snow accumulation. This will help the County and the Township plow trucks do their jobs efficiently and will prevent any possible damage to personal property during the snow plowing process.

If you would like to park your vehicle where it can be safe from the snow plows, municipal parking lots are available for overnight parking during snow events Park Place West, in front of the senior complex; four public parking spots are located near the entrance of the Preserve, just off North Main Street; and there's Village Park.

State law stipulates accumulated ice and snow on vehicles must be removed it before driving, especially from the hood, windows and roof. For more information on this law and winter driving tips visit: <http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/ice-and-snow.html>

Cranbury Township Local Ordinance Chapter 130-40 states that *throwing, placing or depositing snow or ice in the street or sidewalk is prohibited*. Any snow-blown or shoveled snow onto the street can be blasted onto your neighbor's property/driveway by the snow plows during plowing process. Be a thoughtful neighbor and shovel snow onto your lawn. As it melts, it will naturally percolate into ground, supplying water for your lawns, bulbs, gardens, trees and plants.

Cranbury has always been a neighborly town. If you live next to someone who could use help shoveling or have a fire hydrant near your property, take a few extra neighborly moments to help clear the snow fall.

### SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Soon warmer and sunnier weather will be upon us! Along with spring blossoms and clearing out the garden is the spring leaf collection program. **Leaf**

**collection will begin March 26<sup>th</sup> and the final collection begins on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.** It is requested not to commingle any branches/chipping, river rocks, bricks, mulch or any other debris in with the leaf piles for collection. Doing so will cause machinery malfunction or even worse, personnel injury. If your leaf pile has a mix of debris, it will not be collected.

For residents living in an area where public parking is permitted, please place the leaf piles close to a driveway entrance, near a street corner or an opening between parked cars so the DPW can easily access the piles for collection. It is a good idea to call 609-664-3129 and leave a message where you have placed your leaf pile for collection.

Collecting leaf piles throughout Cranbury Township takes approximately 1-1½ weeks depending on amount of leaves at the curb, weather and personnel. Please place your last pile of leaves at the curb for collection weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>. The **final** collection of leaves will be during the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once your leaf pile has been collected, do not replenish it. Your patience is greatly appreciated. With your cooperation and the DPW crew, our Town and streetscape will be beautiful!

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Whether you're planning to add onto your home, landscape, install a walk, or have any reason to dig on your property, a phone call must be placed for a free mark out for any underground utility that is located on your property. Don't break the law, call 1-800-272-1000 or 811 before you dig!

### CURBSIDE CHIPPING SERVICE

The fall leaf collection has ended without any major snows in December. The DPW thanks you for getting your leaves out to curb. A total of seven passes have been made throughout the entire Township for leaf collection.

Chipping of brush and branches commences on the third Wednesday each month throughout the year. This is the start date and not necessarily the day the DPW crew will be in front of your house chipping. Brush/Chipping must be at the curb by 7am.

The regulations below are for the normal monthly curbside shipping service according to Township Code Chapters §69 and §121. It seems like a lot but after reading through, an understanding of how these regulations aid the DPW to move swiftly and efficiently becomes evident.

1. Residents must notify the DPW of requests for chipping services by the Monday before the third Wednesday of the month.
2. Brush should be placed curbside no sooner than the weekend preceding the third Wednesday of each month.
3. All material to be chipped should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. by the scheduled collection date (third Wednesday of the month). Material placed curbside after the scheduled collection date or time will not be chipped.
4. All material should be stacked parallel to the curb or as near to the curb as possible, not in the street or on the sidewalk. Place the

larger cut branch ends together so they follow the flow of traffic. Incorrect placement is considered to be in violation of the code and may not be collected.

5. Items must be placed parallel on the curb or along the street that is directly abutting your property line.
6. Branches exceeding 8" diameter cannot be chipped. Brush should be at least 3' in length. Although 3' is the minimum length, longer branches are much easier to chip.
7. Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches less than 3' (but not less than 1') must be bundled with string only (NO WIRE) and free of foreign debris, such as, stones, dirt, metal, sweepings and rakings.
8. No construction material or landscape construction material and debris, lumber, mulch, roots, stumps, or sand and soil at the curb will be collected.

The intention is to help you understand the protocol of this valuable chipping service. Noncompliance notices will be issued. The first 3 notices are warning notices. The 4<sup>th</sup> notice will result in a \$500 a day fine. If you have any questions about the above regulations, please call 609-664-3129.

Depending on the amount of chipping at the curb, the weather, machinery cooperation, and personnel, this service can take approximately 1 – 1½ weeks to complete. We ask for your patience while the DPW works the route:

**Chipping (begins 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month) and  
Leaf Collection (March 25-April 22) Route Schedule**

*Beginning at:*

North Main Street, from Rt.130 South	Cranbury Green
Plainsboro Road	Station Road
Petty Road	Cranbury Station hamlet
Prospect Street	Stockton Drive
Bunker Hill	Evans Tract
Cranbury Neck Road	Maplewood Avenue
Symmes Court	Park Place
Wynnewood Section	Westminster Place
Shady Brook Lane	Wesley Place
Old Trenton Road	Scott Avenue
Shadow Oaks (both sides)	Cranbury Estates
South Main Street, north of the circle	Cranbury Walk

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If your street is not listed, please call Town Hall at 609-664-3129 and leave your address for service.

**CLEAN UP WEEKENDS 2019**

May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> are the scheduled dates for the two Clean-up Weekends. Bring your acceptable materials to the DPW Yard at 100 Dey Road. The hours of operation will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. The DPW crew will be on site to help unload your unwanted discards.

Acceptable materials include household items that are too large to fit inside your trash tote, like mattresses, lawn furniture and other large bulky items. If you are uncertain if an item is acceptable, please call 609-664-3129.

This service is open to Cranbury residents only. Be prepared to show proof of residency, such as a tax bill. Your driver license may indicate 'Cranbury NJ' but it is not necessarily Cranbury Township where you reside. View your tax bill; this will indicate what municipality you live in.

NO household trash, paint or hazardous waste items will be accepted. Please do not be sneaky and leave hazardous waste items at the DPW site for personnel to find.

**SHARPS DISPOSAL**

People use sharps to treat various medical conditions at home that could include allergies, hepatitis, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, psoriasis, HIV/aids, osteoporosis, cancer, infertility or diabetes.

To properly dispose of your prescription sharps for home use, visit

<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/How-do-I-dispose-of-or-recycle.aspx>

Please note that biomedical waste from businesses will not be accepted.



## COMPOSTING BINS

Have you made a New Year's resolution? An easy resolution is to be a better environment steward by composting is pretty easy to do. Natural leaves, grass clippings, sticks, kitchen scraps, and other organics can be tossed into a compost bin that will decompose and make a rich balanced organic mulch for your vegetable or flower gardens. More detailed information about composting can be found by visiting: <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Composting.aspx> . To help you get started, back yard compost bins are available for purchase, click on the above link, and then look for vermi/compost bin sales.

The EARTH Center located at 42 Riva Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ, usually offers free composting classes. The site is not limited to just EARTH Center information and location: [http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/Office\\_Extension.aspx](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/Office_Extension.aspx) Check out the links offered under the Master Gardner's Helpful Links. Prepare to be amazed!



## DROP OFF PAINT PROGRAM

Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management (MCDSWM) organizes a Paint Drop-Off Program for latex paint, oil based paint, stains, varnishes, lacquers, thinners, spray aerosol paint, and driveway sealer for all Middlesex County residents. Items must be labeled and in original containers. Please do not bring dried out latex paint cans (they can be disposed of in the regular trash), empty containers, or hazardous waste for disposal. Further information on this program can be found at: <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Paint-Drop-Off.aspx> .



## STREET SWEEPING

In preparation of the 2019 Memorial Day Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Cranbury Township has arranged to have all Township roads swept. The Township is scheduled to be swept on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please avoid parking on the streets in the early morning on these dates. Doing so will allow the sweeper to easily and expediently sweep the streets. Once the streets have been swept, parking will be allowed.

Three available lots are available for overnight parking to help avoid parking on the street during the early morning sweep. The Municipal lot on Park Place West (in front of the senior complex); four off-street parking lots near the entrance of Cranbury Brook Preserve; and Village Park has two available lots available for overnight parking. Parking is on a first come basis. It is realized that the sweeping may pose an inconvenience but your cooperation in keeping vehicles and personal property off the streets during this time is greatly appreciated.

## 2019 RECYCLING & COLLECTION GUIDE

The 2019 Recycling Guide and Curbside Collection Schedule can be found on-line at <http://www.mciauth.com/curbside/CRANBURY%20Recycling%20Brochure%202019.pdf> Residents without internet access can call 1-800-448-MCIA to request a copy of the schedule.



There are two 2019 date changes in the curbside recycle program. Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>, pick up date changed to June 1<sup>st</sup>; Labor Day, September 2nd, pick up changed to September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Do not place recyclables in large plastic bags! The plastic bags clog the machinery at the recycling facility causing delays and malfunctions of the sorting equipment. A more ideal solution is to use a large plastic 32-35 gallon container found at a discount store. Or if you would like to purchase an extra blue 20-gallon container, call 609-664-3129 for stock availability.

Many people are not aware that cardboard is a NJ mandatory item that must be recycled. Don't throw cardboard into your trash--it's like throwing money into (and filling up) the landfill. Be a better recycler, flatten, fold, and tie the cardboard into a stack, then set it out for collection along with your other curbside recyclables.

As usual, if your recyclables were out at the curb in time but were not collected, call 1-800-488-MCIA within 24 hours to report the missed stop. If you delay, the recyclables may not be picked up until the next scheduled collection date.

Residents moving out of Cranbury are requested to leave the blue recycling bins for the next homeowner.

### WHAT'S IN YOUR TRASH CONTAINER?

Did you know that you can reduce the amount of stuff taken to the landfill by being more careful about not throwing cardboard, recyclable containers, EPS (expand polystyrene can be recycled at the Shed) or other recyclable items in it? Take a moment and ask yourself if the item you're about to toss into the garbage can be recycled or reused? You'll do the environment and planet earth some good!



### 2019 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF PROGRAM

This free service is open to all Middlesex County residents. For more information on 2019 dates, locations, times and acceptable items visit and click on Household Hazardous Waste

<http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Solid-Waste-Management.aspx>.

If you have an item you are uncertain is acceptable, please call 732-745-4170.

### BATTERY RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM

In addition to the rechargeable & button battery recycle program, Cranbury Township now collects **household/single use batteries** in Town Hall, DPW Office.

- **HOUSEHOLD/SINGLE USE BATTERIES:** a dedicated recycling collection box is located in Town Hall, DPW Office to collect AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 volt batteries. If a battery is leaking or corroded, toss it into the trash. They cannot be mailed or recycled.
- **RECHARGABLE & BUTTON BATTERIES:** bring to Town Hall, DPW Office. They include power tools, all cellphones, laptop batteries, button batteries and rechargeable batteries. Batteries must weigh less than 11 pounds.



Household/single use and rechargeable batteries must be deposited into different boxes. Do not commingle them, keep them separated!!! All battery ends must be tape to secure that they do not touch and spark during delivery.

Media e-waste (CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes are limited to 25 per household), cell phones, button, household and rechargeable batteries can be dropped off in the DPW office at Town Hall, during business hours. Due to the cost of these programs, service is available for Cranbury residents only. **ALL DROP-OFF RECYCLE PROGRAM BOXES ARE LOCATED IN THE DPW OFFICE at TOWN HALL.**

## RECYCLE SHED and RECYCLING for CRANBURY RESIDENTS

The Recycle Shed is located at the DPW Yard, 100 Dey Road. It is open on the first Friday of the month, unless it is a legal holiday, then it is the second Friday, from 9 am-12 pm, for your convenience.

Here is a list of acceptable e-waste items at the Recycle Shed. Please adhere to this list.

### Acceptable e-waste items include:

CABLES/WIRES (extension cords/string lights)	COMPUTERS
CONTROLLERS (gaming)	DESKTOP COPIERS
E-READERS	FAX MACHINES
KEYBOARDS	LAPTOPS
PRINTERS/FAX MACHINES	SCANNERS
TELEPHONES (office, cell, home)	TELEVISIONS
VIDEO EQUIPMENT (including remotes)	
FLUORESCENT & SPOTLIGHT BULBS (CFLs & Tube bulbs no longer than 3')	

The recycle vendor will charge an additional per pound fee for any items not on the above list AND for packed in original cartons. Please unpack the items prior to drop off, do not bring any items in original cartons.

**Clean formed polystyrene (EPS)** will be accepted during open hours. White (only white), clean (tape & address labels removed) can be accepted. Packing peanuts and food/cup products are not acceptable. Clean packing peanuts may be brought to any UPS or Pak Mail location.

Please do not leave any of the acceptable items at the Shed when it is not open. Items must be stored inside and kept clean from the elements. Also, the wind will easily carry these light weight items to parts unknown.

Large e-waste items can be scheduled for pick-up service with the White Goods program. There is a fee of \$10 per item. Pick-up service is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and arrangements must be made the Monday prior to this day. Call 609-664-3129 to make arrangements.

Scrap metal (bikes, metal/aluminum lawn furniture, metal fence posts, curtain rods, metal bed frames, etc.) or other ferrous metals **do not** belong in the trash destined for the landfill. These items can be recycled and made into other products. Also accepted are white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, window a/c units, dehumidifiers, etc.). If an item is too large for you to deliver yourself, arrange to have the DPW pick up the white goods for only \$10 per item (cash or check only). To schedule and pay for this service call 609-664-3129 no later than the Monday prior to the scheduled second Wednesday. This service is available for Cranbury residents only.

State law mandates that appliances containing Freon must have this gas extracted. Cranbury Township hires a responsible vendor to extract Freon containing appliances.

If you have recycling questions, concerns or ideas, please call 609-664-3129. Future generations will thank you for being a responsible recycler!

## RECYCLE COACH™

Have you noticed the changes on the [http://cranburypark.org/recycling\\_main.html](http://cranburypark.org/recycling_main.html)? Cranbury now participates with Recycle Coach™. This waste wise app will help you recycle an item that you might be uncertain how or where it should be recycled. It has a calendar to remind you of upcoming recycling dates like curbside collection dates, chipping / leaf collection dates, clean-up weekends, it includes all the free recycling programs info offered by the MCDSWM (Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste) like shred events, paint drop-off days, and household hazardous waste days.

The Recycle Coach™ app works with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant! The app is free to download and available on the Township website or from the [iTunes Store](#) and [Google Play](#). There is a quick one- time set-up process to personalize the information to where you live that includes setting up your personalized pick-up and event schedule.

The Township of Cranbury's Recycle Coach™ app also asks the provocative question 'What type of recycler are you?' This 3-minute quiz provides you with a comprehensive evaluation based on several criteria, including knowledge about what should and should not be recycled in Cranbury.

The State of NJ, MCDSW and Cranbury Township have worked hard to offer this free service to you.



## CRANBURY HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY



**A new exhibit, “The History of the Cranbury Police,” will open at Cranbury Museum, 4 Park Place East, on Sunday, March 3.** Society Board Member and Cranbury Township Police Officer, Paul Lindenfeld, and Exhibit Chairman, Karen Kelley, are working on this interesting exhibit. Cranbury Museum is open on Sunday, 1-4 pm.

**The Society is hoping to move a small 1700s house** a short distance to a new location at Millstone Park on Old Trenton Road. Society Board members are working with the Township Committee on relocation details. The Society is committed to saving the house from demolition and preserving it so it can be enjoyed as a Museum. Volunteer work opportunities will be available for all ages, and events will be held at the site when the work is complete.

**Historic Cranbury Walking Tours are scheduled for Sunday, February 17, March 24, April 14 and May 19.** All tours will begin at 2 p.m. at Cranbury Museum, 4 Park Place East and will cover the history and architecture of Cranbury. A donation to the Society of \$7.00 per person is suggested. To sign up, please call tour guide, Richard Moody, at 609-819-1359. In the event of inclement weather, the tour will be cancelled.

**The Elizabeth M. Wagner History Center, 6 S. Main Street,** is open by appointment for research. To make an appointment, please email the History Center at [historycenter@comcast.net](mailto:historycenter@comcast.net).

**The biennial Historic Cranbury House Tour will be held this Fall. Please contact Audrey Smith at [aud123abc@aol.com](mailto:aud123abc@aol.com), if you would like to help in any way.**

**Programs on a variety of subjects are being planned for the year.** Please visit [cranburyhistory.org](http://cranburyhistory.org) for the latest information or to become a member of this active organization.

**To learn more about Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society or to become a member, please visit [cranburyhistory.org](http://cranburyhistory.org).**

## **CRANBURY GOLDEN AGE NEIGHBORS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Cranbury Golden Age Neighbors installed its 2019 Officers at a holiday celebration on December 18, 2018, at Pierre's Restaurant. Officers were installed by Chaplain Donna Merritt as follows: President - Betty Conover; First Vice President – Phyllis Bialor; Second Vice President - Gloria-Jean Ryba; Treasurer – Philip Rodefeld; Recording Secretary - Olga Giffert; and Corresponding Secretary - Natalie Rodefeld.

A social organization, the Golden Age Neighbors includes members from Cranbury and the surrounding area. Annual dues are \$10. Potluck luncheon meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month at the Cranbury School, local churches, and the Masonic Lodge in Hightstown. On Saturday, February 16, March 16, and April 20, 2019 luncheons will be held at the Cranbury School Cafeteria. On Saturday, May 16, the Golden Age Neighbors anniversary celebration will be a catered luncheon also at the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Meetings are sponsored by community partners, such as the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, Lion's Club, Women's Club, Sotheby Realty, and. Lowe's Spinach Farm (Davison, Barnes and Patterson), for example. Often speakers and entertainment are provided. For members who chose not to provide a covered dish for the pot luck luncheons, a contribution of \$5 is an alternative. For, please contact President, Betty Conover at 609-860-0156.



## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

Senior Fellowship is a social group open to all members of the community over age 55. Our program for Tuesday, March 12 at noon will be a show by Bob Conrad, who is a magician and ventriloquist. Before the program, we socialize while eating our sandwiches that we bring from home. Beverages and dessert will be provided. If you are not on our list of people that we call each month and you would like to attend this program, please preregister by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 by 3:00 PM on Friday, March 8. We meet once a month in Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in our other programs, please call the number above and someone will call you.

The Senior Fellowship also runs senior exercise classes in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 on Mondays with instructor Judith and on Thursdays with instructor Helen. To participate in either of these exercise classes, you must be over age 55 and reside in Cranbury Township. Please call 609-395-0897 and leave you contact information with the secretary for an instructor to call you.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Sustained Applause!

Did you know that Cranbury is one of only 203 New Jersey towns that are [Sustainable Jersey](http://www.SustainableJersey.com) certified? To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Cranbury completed several sustainability action items. They included a Rain Garden at Village Park, Farmland Preservation Plans, Open Space Plans, Tree Hazard Inventory and Waste Reduction through Recycling. In addition, Cranbury's Green Team completed several priority actions that included a Sustainable Land Use Pledge approved by the Township Committee and an updated Environmental Resource Inventory.

Cranbury achieved Sustainable Jersey recertification at the Bronze level in program year 2016. It's time for Cranbury to go through its recertification process again. Would you like to get involved with the Cranbury's Green Team and help with sustainability initiatives and recertification? Contact Jean Golisano at [jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:jgolisano@cranbury-nj.com).

For more information about the Sustainable Jersey's free workshops and events visit [www.SustainableJersey.com](http://www.SustainableJersey.com). Together we can ensure a more sustainable future and a better tomorrow!

### Greetings from the Cranbury School Wellness and Sustainability Council

Have you ever considered the amount of waste you personally create? On average, each American creates 4.5 pounds of garbage per day. You read that correctly... 4.5 pounds of garbage per day! Multiply that by 365 days per year and you will find each American is creating 1,642.5 pounds of garbage per year!

Students throughout Cranbury School are learning small ways to reduce the waste they create. Recycling bins can be found in each classroom and in the cafeteria. Students are encouraged to place paper, plastic, and metal in the recycling bins. Additionally, each classroom has a Terracycle box to collect small chip bags and mini muffin wrappers. Terracycle is a global company based in Trenton, New Jersey that recycles hard-to-recycle waste. If you are unfamiliar with Terracycle, you may wish to visit the Terracycle website to learn more about this company's efforts to reduce global waste. <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>



Global food waste has also been integrated into the sustainability curriculum. Last year, students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade used STEM activities to investigate global food waste. The students examined their own beliefs and values to make decisions related to food waste. They debated important issues related to food waste such as human population growth, food waste per country, ugly food, landfills, methane gas, food deserts, and food sustainability all the while respecting and hearing the opinions of other students. They evaluated possible solutions to food waste around the world. They investigated the impacts that food waste has on the environment. The students used the Technological Design Process to identify the problem, propose designs, and possible solutions. Students developed a variety of strategies to calculate the amount of food waste per capita and created Google Slide presentations of their research, which were featured at Cranbury School's First Harvest Day Celebration last May.

## ZERO WASTE LUNCH

Making efforts to reduce your waste may be easier than you think. The Wellness & Sustainability Council would like to encourage you to pack a zero waste lunch for your child. Zero waste lunch?! It can be done! Here are some recommendations for packing a zero waste lunch:

- Pack your child's lunch in a reusable lunch bag or lunch box
- Pack a cloth napkin and reusable utensils
- Put food in reusable food and drink containers
- Provide your child with a reusable water bottle. Cranbury School has 3 water bottle refilling stations. One is in the K-1 hallway, one is in the cafeteria, and one is in the large gymnasium.
- If you must use a disposable plastic bag, encourage your child to bring it home so it can be washed out and reused.
- Purchase snacks for your child in bulk size and repack the snacks in individual reusable containers.
- Pack fresh fruit for your child since it does not require any additional packaging.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

MAY 18, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!!** The Municipal Alliance in partnership with Cranbury School will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **Health & Wellness Fair** on **May 18, 2019** from **12 – 3 pm** at Cranbury School. More information about this fun and exciting upcoming event will be posted on the school and Township websites.

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### Three Winter Benefits of Trees



#### Utility Savings

Deciduous trees planted on the south/ south-east side of the house allow the sun's rays to reach through windows and help heat homes and offices during peak daylight hours in winter. Just like summer when the leafed-out trees provide shade that helps keep buildings cool and can reduce air-conditioning costs, heating costs can be reduced in winter. Appropriate species planted in the right locations are a key to this strategy.

#### Visual Aesthetics

Take time to notice details in the architecture of trees. Evergreens stand out now among the bare-branched trees. Many trees have a characteristic shape such as rounded crown, pyramidal, vase-shaped, weeping, etc. Deciduous trees exhibit their branching style beautifully in winter. Upon close observation you can see the buds on the branch tips that were formed in late summer. Although present all winter they only become obvious when they begin to swell in the spring. Watch then as trees begin to color-up with buds.

#### Food for Feathered and Furry Neighbors

Many trees improve life for birds and mammals in winter by offering food and shelter. Species include Canadian hemlock, crabapple, staghorn sumac, persimmon, American holly, winterberry, white pine, Norway spruce.

Photo Resource:

<https://arbordayblog.org/landscapedesign/5-great-trees-for-winter-wildlife>



## **GOURGAUD GALLERY**

### EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:

February 2-22	Trenton Community A Team	Reception on Saturday, February 2
March 3-29	Cranbury School Student Art	Reception on Saturday, March 10
April 7-26	Cranbury Digital camera Club	Reception on Sunday, April 7

All receptions are held from 1-3 pm and light refreshments are served.

All checks are made payable to Cranbury Arts Council. The Arts Council receives 20% of the price of the paintings. Proceeds are for programs and scholarships in the Arts.

## **CRANBURY ARTS COUNCIL**

It is time to think about summer camp! This year's Cranbury Arts Council Camp will be held July 8 - August 2 at the Cranbury School, and will offer over 50 camps for students entering Grades K-9. We are bringing back all the traditional favorites, including Musical Theater Workshop, Minecraft, Draw, Draw, & Draw Some More, Robotics, and many more. In addition, we will have over 30 new camps, which will include Math Masterpieces, Rock the Runway, Live Sound and Audio Engineering, Vocal Musical Theater Workshop, and 3-D Printer Art. We're happy to offer extended-day care and a payment plan, and scholarships are available. To learn about all the exciting options we have available, visit CAC's web site ( [www.cranburyartscouncil.org/camp](http://www.cranburyartscouncil.org/camp)).

The Cranbury Arts Council will begin accepting applications in February for our award for excellence in the arts. The application deadline is April 15th. This award is open to graduating high school seniors who reside in Cranbury and attend public or private area schools. This is a merit-based award and is open to all students dedicated to the arts. Students in the areas of visual arts, music (both instrumental and vocal), theater arts, dance, and poetry are all eligible to apply. The award will be presented in the amount of \$1000 to one student, or \$500 for two students who have demonstrated equal merit, and the winner or winners will be announced in June. Please visit our website for more information, or to apply.

For updates on all our events, please visit our website ( [cranburyartscouncil.org](http://cranburyartscouncil.org)) and Facebook page. To join our mailing list, please visit our website's Contact page, or send us an e-mail ( [cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cranburyartscouncil@gmail.com))

# CRANBURY LIONS CLUB



## Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Cranbury Lions would like to thank all of the local businesses and residents of the Town that supported our Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Cranbury School Cafeteria on Sunday December 2, 2018. In addition to the delicious breakfast, there were poinsettias for sale and photos with Santa. There were some vendors and the Cranbury Arts Council provided children the opportunity to make ornaments. Special thanks to Cranbury Boy Scout Troop 52 for assisting in serving and the Scout Band for the holiday music.

The Lions also participated in the Marines' Toys for Tots drive and collected over 500 toys! Thanks to all for your generosity.

## Lions Scholarship Program

The Cranbury Lions Scholarship program continues to support Cranbury students. There are three \$1500 scholarships, the David Tudor Science Scholarship, the Todd Beamer Memorial Scholarship, and the Lions 'We Serve' Scholarship. Cranbury residents who are high school seniors are eligible to apply. There are also two \$250 Stan Thomas Community Service Awards for eligible applicants. For more information and applications visit the Cranbury Lions website at [www.cranburylions.org](http://www.cranburylions.org) and look under Student Programs. Applications must be post marked by April 15, 2019.

## Stream Cleanup

The Cranbury Lions will again participate in the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association Stream Cleanup around Brainerd Lake and Cranbury Brook. The date is April 6, 2019 from 9-11 am.

## Memorial Day Parade

For years the Lions have been sponsoring the Cranbury Memorial Day Parade and Post Parade Ceremony. It is a time the community comes together to honor those who lost their lives serving our country and protecting our freedom. If you would like to help the Lions with the cost of the parade, we are looking for sponsors, businesses, or individuals, to contribute to the Cranbury Lions Club and also to participate in the parade, if you wish, with a marching unit, float, band, etc... Mark your calendars for May 27, 2019.

We will soon be conducting our annual Spring Raffle fundraiser. Proceeds help to offset the cost of the parade as well as providing assistance to those in need.

## Drop Box for Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses

The Lions Club has a drop box for hearing aids and eye glasses in Town Hall. There is also a large yellow box at the Cranbury Public Library entrance available for these items. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

**"Thank You"** to the people and businesses of Cranbury who support the Cranbury Lions and help us raise the money so desperately needed by others. The Lions are a group of service-minded men and women who are interested in improving their communities. The Lions are the world's largest service club organization. You can learn more about the Cranbury Lions on the web at [www.cranburylions.org](http://www.cranburylions.org). We look forward to seeing you at our events to help us in our continued service to Cranbury.

# **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Historic Preservation Resource Materials Update**

HPC has secured a place in the Reference section of the Cranbury Public Library for the following books on historic structures which you may find helpful when planning renovations to homes in Cranbury's Historic District or if you just have an interest in historic buildings.

**Building by the Book, Pattern-Book Architecture in New Jersey** by Robert P. Guter & Janet W. Foster

**The Comfortable House, North American Suburban Architecture** by Alan Gowans

**The Old Barn Book, A Field Guide to North American Barns & Other Farm Structures** by Allen G. Noble & Richard K. Cleek

**100 Victorian Architectural Designs for House & Other Buildings** by A.J. Bicknell & Co

**Turn-of-the-Century House Designs, with Floor Plans, Elevations & Interior Details** by William T. Comstock

**Classic Houses of the Twenties** by Loiseaux

**Sears, Roebuck Home Builder's Catalog, Complete Illustrated 1910 Edition** by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

**A Field Guide to American Houses** by Virginia & Lee McAlester

## **Updated HPC Certificate of Approval Form**

HPC has recently updated the Certificate of Approval form and instructions which hopefully will make it easier to fill out the required information. The links for the updated HPC Application Form and the reference sheet for Cranbury Township Approval Requirements relating to HPC/Zoning/Engineering/Construction are provided below. It should be noted that the HPC Application for Certificate of Approval form needs to be filled out and submitted to Linda Scott, HPC Administrator, prior to beginning any exterior renovations (changes to exterior appearance) or repairs (ordinary maintenance or repairs). Applications for exterior renovations will be reviewed by HPC at a regularly-scheduled meeting and be approved if project is historically appropriate for the structure. Minor Applications for maintenance or repairs can be approved by the HPC Administrator/HPC Chair outside of a regularly scheduled meeting. Renovations may also require zoning, engineering or construction permits, therefore HPC approval is contingent on property owner obtaining the proper permits. Emergency repairs are permitted, however an HPC Application form is still required to be submitted

Some examples:

Driveways, Fences and Sheds in the historic district require HPC & possibly Zoning/Engineering/Construction approvals.

Roofing only requires HPC approval.

Painting does not require HPC approval.

Signage in the Historic District requires HPC, Zoning & Construction approvals.

### **HPC Certificate of Approval Form:**

<http://www.cranburytownship.org/forms/HPC-CoA-APPLICATION-2019.pdf>

### **Cranbury Township Approval Requirements Reference Document:**

<http://www.cranburytownship.org/forms/Cranbury-Zoning-Permit-Form.pdf>

# ANNUAL CRANBURY TOWN-WIDE 2019 GARAGE SALE

ATTENTION ALL CRANBURY RESIDENTS: Are you interested in reducing, reusing, up-cycling or de-cluttering items found in your home? All Cranbury residents are invited to participate, free of charge, in a town wide garage sale. Let's recycle usable items found in your home for others to reuse and enjoy.



**WHEN:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am. Rain date April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

**WHERE:** Cranbury, NJ (Township wide)

**WHAT:** **2019 ANNUAL CRANBURY TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

**Sponsored by the CRANBURY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**WHAT:** To register your address as a participating garage sale site call or stop by Highbar Boutique, 33 N Main St, 609-819-5503. An address-specific site list and items for sale will be generated and available for pick-up on April 27<sup>th</sup> at any business on Main Street. This event will be advertised.

After participating in the town-wide garage sale event, donate usable goods/items to a tax deductible organization. Contact information for three organizations that offer pick up service, address specific, is listed here or donate to a charity of your choice!

**Lupus Foundation of America:** call 1-888-445-8787 or [www.lupuspickup.org](http://www.lupuspickup.org)

**Rescue Mission of Trenton:** call 1-800-528-8825 or [www.rmtrenton.org](http://www.rmtrenton.org)

**Vietnam Veterans of America:** call 1-800-775-8387 or [www.scheduleapickup.com](http://www.scheduleapickup.com)

Be responsible! When you schedule a donation pick-up, adhere to the protocol as specified by that organization. Contact the above organizations for acceptable items. Be considerate, do not donate items that are broken, dirty, have missing parts or cannot be reused. It may be advantageous to call your favorite organization in advance and schedule a pick-up date.

This is a great opportunity for residents participating or not in the town-wide garage sale to de-clutter. It is your responsibility to confirm that what you wish to donate is accepted by that particular organization.

# BEAUTIFUL CRANBURY!

Photo by Robert Zurfluh



Looking forward to Spring!!!

Cranbury Preserve Photos by Barbara Rogers



## **CRANBURY TOWNSHIP CABLE SURVEY 2019**

The Cranbury Cable Committee is in the process of negotiating with Comcast for a new Cable franchise agreement with the Township. To help us with our negotiations, we are asking all Comcast customers for their opinions. Please be advised that we cannot negotiate prices or channels.

By answering the following survey questions, you will help us negotiate a better agreement with Comcast.

1. What type of service do you have? Check all that apply:

basic cable  
 expanded basic  
 triple play  
 internet  
 phone  
 premium channels

2. Have you had to call customer service this past year?

yes  
 no

3. Have you had any service interruptions this past year?

no  
 yes  
 number of outages

Length of time you were without service \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain your problem(s):

4. Was your problem resolved over the phone?

yes  
 no

5. Did you have a technician come to your home to resolve a problem this past year?

no  
 yes -- If so explain:

6. Are you pleased with Comcast as a service provider?

yes  
 no -- please explain why

Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Thank you very much for giving your feedback. Please drop off your comments at the front desk at Townhall by February 20<sup>th</sup>

OPTIONAL:

Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_