

East Windsor Township

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Building on East Windsor's Open Space Successes

Preserving Open Space and Farmland remains a top priority of East Windsor Township. East Windsor has preserved **over 2600 acres**, constituting **over 25 percent** of the Township permanently preserved.

The Township has a highly successful record in securing funding for our open space preservation efforts. To date, the Township has obtained **\$6 Million in Green Acres grants, \$2.1 Million in County grants, and over \$2 Million in Developer Funds to purchase open space.** These open space acquisitions are completed without using local tax dollars.

The Township has **16 preserved farms**, on over 1000 acres, under State and County farmland preservation programs. A recent prize preservation accomplishment was the historic **Lee Turkey Farm on Hickory Corner Road** across from Anker Park. A well known and beloved site in East Windsor, this action permanently saves from development the Lee Turkey Farm, rich in history and a major attraction for school groups, tourists and turkey lovers from the Tri-State area.

The Township's ambitious open space preservation efforts took a major step forward with the acquisition of a **121 acre property on Etra Road** in January of this year. The property is adjacent to a **59 acre parcel on Disbrow Hill Road and Etra Road** directly across from Etra Lake Park. This 121 acre acquisition, together with two recent neighboring property acquisitions by the Township, will preserve as open space and farmland a total of over 218 acres in the immediate vicinity of Etra Lake Park.

Of the total purchase price of \$1,675,000, \$455,262 was a low interest 1.065 percent loan from the State's Environmental Infrastructure Financing program, to be repaid by developer funds being held in a Township Trust Account earning a market rate of 4.8 percent.. The balance was paid with State and County grants and developers funds. Use of the Environmental Infrastructure Trust funds greatly maximizes available funding, increases the amount of open space able to be acquired now by the Township, and provides a smart financing tool.

Another property recently acquired is **17 acres on the west side of One Mile Road north of Route 133.** This land is directly opposite almost 30 acres of open space fronting One Mile Road acquired in 2003.

Two acquisitions of **12.5 acres off Brooktree Road** along the Bear Brook and **3.1 acres off of Maple Stream Road**

serve to buffer and provide a natural amenity for the nearby residential area along Brooktree Road, Maple Stream Road and Lindenbrook Way. With these purchases, The Township owns all of the land along the north side of the Bear Brook from Dutch Neck Road to Route 130.

A property currently in the process of being acquired for open space is a **10.2 acre wooded parcel located off of Old Cranbury Road** along the Millstone River. Mercer County and the Township will be joint owners of the property while the Township will manage the property; the acquisition price of \$500,000 is being paid by Mercer County.

An additional property likely to be acquired for open space by the Township is a **25 acre wooded parcel on Airport Road** next to the former East Windsor Speedway, a site recently approved for development. At the Township's request, the developer of the former speedway site has agreed to donate an additional 14 acres of open space to East Windsor Township.

Additionally, various land owners and developers over the past five years have donated over 190 acres to East Windsor. Land donations were made along Conover Road, the Millstone River corridor and One Mile Road. Another land donation this year is the **38 acres of land mostly along the Millstone River just west of Probasco Road**, from the developer of the 100 acre parcel at Probasco Road and Wyckoffs Mill Road who also has agreed to construct a walking trail through the open space.

A **zoning study by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission** to strengthen and support Township efforts to preserve open space and farmland currently is under review. We look forward to discussing and potentially implementing some of its findings.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov

Mayor and Council

Township to Construct New Playing Fields

The Township is moving forward with plans to develop new playing fields on 59 acres of open space located on Disbrow Hill Road directly opposite Etra Lake Park.

Mayor Mironov and Council Members have assembled State and County grants totaling \$1.2 million dollars for the development of the new playing fields.

The Mayor and Council awarded a professional services contract to Keller and Kirkpatrick of Morris Plains, New Jersey for the design of new playing fields and associated improvements for the project. The improvements to be designed currently are under review and discussion, and community input is welcome. The facility may include softball fields, soccer/lacrosse fields, a parking lot, restrooms and septic system, water treatment system, irrigation system, storm water detention basin and storm drainage system, fencing, backstops, bleachers, team benches, lighting, maintenance building, electronic scoreboard, jogging/bike paths, crosswalks and signage. Planning, design and bidding are expected to occur during 2007 with construction anticipated in mid 2008.

East Windsor Township Builds Twin Rivers – Etra Lake Park Pathway

Construction work on the pathway linking Twin Rivers to Etra Lake Park began the week of July 2 and should be completed sometime in October. The pathway will extend from the end of Lake Drive through a wooded area to the north shore of Etra Lake near Milford Road, continuing across the bridge on Milford Road to Etra Road and then along Etra Road and the south shore of Etra Lake to the park's playground area.

New Jersey Department of Transportation grants in the amount of \$475,000 dollars acquired by Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members will underwrite most of the project construction costs.

This nearly one mile long pathway, an idea initiated by Mayor Mironov and Council Members, will provide for a convenient and safe pedestrian access for everyone from the Twin Rivers area, the Township's largest residential community, to Etra Lake Park, the Township's largest recreational area.

The project will include the construction of two timber bridges, the installation of a new sidewalk along the west side of Lake Drive from Twin Rivers Drive to the cul-de-sac, and a rest area with benches, a bicycle rack and trash containers.

East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse Receives Mercer County Award

The East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (EWMAPSA), chaired by Coordinator/Deputy Mayor Walter Daniels, Jr., recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mercer County. The mission of the EWMAPSA is to serve as the official Township coordinating body for planning awareness and providing education concerning the prevention efforts on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs of abuse. EWMAPSA is dedicated to increasing the level of community awareness and the prevention of problems related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs of abuse through the encouragement and development of safe, healthy and responsible lifestyles for all residents of East Windsor Township.



EWMAPSA receives Certificate of Appreciation from Mercer County. Pictured from left to right are: Hero's and Lady's Mentoring Program Director Albert Werner; Hero's and Lady's Mentoring Program Assistant Director Brenda Werner; Better Beginnings Day Care Center Director Luz Horta; Camp Fire USA Director for Central Jersey Barbara Van Horn; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Deputy Mayor and EWMAPSA Coordinator Walter T. Daniels, Jr.; East Windsor Regional School District SAC Counselor Hilary Stryker; Elks Lodge No. 1955 representative Vincent Elorza; Juvenile Conference Committee Member Robert Held; Community Member Alicia Ribeca; Police Detective Joseph Gorski; and Community Member Bershane Grimsley.

Programs supported by the EWMAPSA include: Better Beginnings "Super BBs"; Camp Fire USA New Jersey Council "Count On Me Kids", a self-esteem program for first graders, and "Peer Proof", a substance abuse awareness program for 7th grade students; Community Action Service Center "Hightstown-East Windsor Learning Partners (H.E.L.P.)", an after school academic mentoring program; D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), provided through the Township Police Department for 5th graders; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Poster/Essay Contest; Hero's and Lady's Mentoring Program; East Windsor Regional School District High School After Prom Event; and the Hightstown/East Windsor Latina Women's Council Youth Conference.

Mayor and Council

Roadway Improvements

Twin Rivers Drive Resurfacing Project Completed

Mayor and Council obtained a \$225,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Twin Rivers Drive from Milford Road to Evanston Drive. The project included the resurfacing of the roadway, replacement of curbs, catch basin repair and installation of handicap ramps. The project was completed in late July.

Oxford and Buxton Drive Resurfacing Completed

All of Buxton Drive and a portion of Oxford Drive from Dutch Neck Road to Meadow Road was resurfaced. The project also included the installation and replacement of curbs, driveway aprons and handicap ramps.

Abbingdon Drive Resurfacing Nearing Completion

Mayor and Council received a grant in the amount of \$232,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program for improvements to Abbingdon Drive. The project involves reconstruction and resurfacing of the entire length of Abbingdon Drive between Lake Drive and Twin Rivers Drive. The project will also include curb replacement and the installation of handicap ramps.



Pesticide Free Zones Established

Mayor and Council has partnered with the New Jersey Environmental Foundation to declare public parks and playgrounds "Pesticide Free Zones" in accordance with existing Township practices pursuant to the municipal Integrated Pest Management policy. Under the "Pesticide Free Zones", key sensitive areas like public parks and playgrounds are managed for insects, undesired plants and plant disease without potentially harmful pesticides.

Municipal Building Improvements

Mayor and Council awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$29,934 for improvements to the sidewalks and curbs surrounding the municipal building. Improvements that were made include replacing deteriorating sidewalks and curbing and the installation of new handicap access ramps.

East Windsor Township Kicks-Off "We Check for 21" Campaign

As part of an initiative to deter underage drinking, East Windsor Township requires liquor license holders to sign a "We Check for 21" Pledge as a condition of receiving their liquor license renewal. The Pledge affirms all liquor license holders' strong support for East Windsor Township's program.

A Proclamation issued by Mayor Mironov expressed Township support to promote the "We Check for 21" Program, designed to prevent underage drinking and heighten the awareness of this issue within our community. Mayor Mironov stated that "the 'We Check for 21' Program is an excellent vehicle to bring together municipal government leaders, young people, parents, key community and school leaders, policy makers and local businesses toward a common positive community effort."



Pictured from left to right are: Mike Patel of East Windsor Wines & Spirits; Amanda Ransome of Holiday Inn/JT Steakhouse and Pub; Eugene Lambert of Club 8 A Corp.; Joe Genovese of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. Club; East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov; Joe Mammon of TGI Friday's; Vince Elorza of Elks Lodge No. 1955 B.P.O.E; Joe Lahanzi of Charlie Brown's Steakhouse; East Windsor Deputy Mayor Walter Daniels, Jr. and Ed Bogdan of David's Pub and Package.

New Community Bus Is Coming

In response to an application by Mayor Mironov and Council Members, New Jersey Transit is providing to East Windsor Township at no cost a new community bus. New Jersey Transit has committed that the bus will be delivered by October.

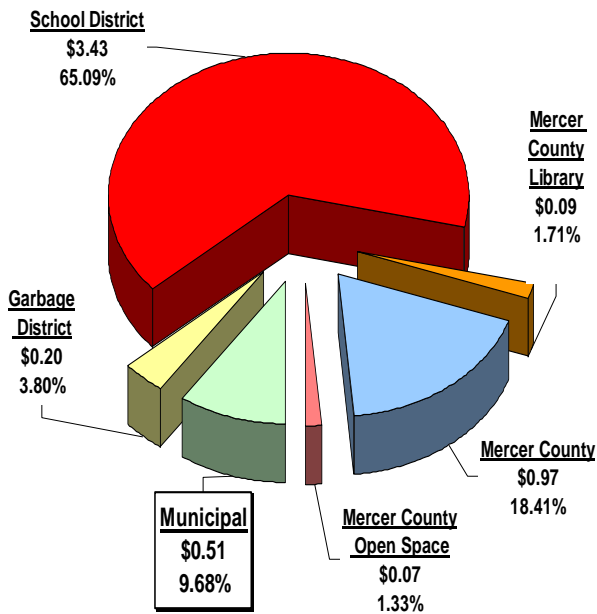
The new bus is being provided under a federally funded program. The new bus will be a thirty passenger bus with a chair lift and storage racks.

Mayor and Council

East Windsor Township Receives Only 9.68% of Tax Payments

Even though the municipal government is required to send out the tax bills, East Windsor gets to keep only 9.68% of property tax payments. For example, if you pay \$7,000 the municipal government gets only about \$700 to provide local services (police, public works, recreation, senior services, health, ect.). The remainder of almost 90% goes to the School District and Mercer County.

East Windsor's local purpose tax for 2007 is \$.51 for 9.68% of the total tax rate of \$5.27, as illustrated in the pie chart below. The Mayor and Council have worked hard to keep the municipal tax level, and over the past 13 years this rate has increased by only \$.11, most of that recently due to frozen state aid and added state burdens.



In addition, the Garbage District rate is \$0.20, which is 3.8% of the total property tax rate. The Twin Rivers Planned Unit Development and all private communities do not pay the Garbage District Tax, since they have private haulers for garbage collection.

The Mayor and Council does not establish and has no control over the other 86.54% of the tax bill. These taxes are collected for the East Windsor Regional School District and Mercer County. The School District tax of \$3.43 constitutes 65.09% of the total property tax rate. Mercer County has a library and open space tax in addition to the County rate totaling \$1.13 for 21.45% of the local tax bill.

Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

Mayor Janice Mironov recognized the elementary school winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest to promote the "4R's" of the Township Recycling Program: *Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Rebuy*. Winners from Grades K-2 and winners from Grades 3-5 received Mayoral Certificates of Recognition and gift certificates to Barnes and Nobles, donated by corporate sponsor Shiseido America.



Mayor Mironov recognized the student winners of the Township Earth Day Recycling Poster Contest. Pictured from left to right are: 1st Place (Grade 3-5) Elizabeth Lanphear; 1st Place (Grade K-2) Alexis Ammons; 3rd Place (Grade 3-5) Haley Brennan; 3rd Place (Grade 3-5) Shubham Ojha; 1st Place (Grade 3-5) Kiely Schuck; Mayor Janice Mironov; 1st Place (Grade K-2) Arun Vadlamani; 1st Place (Grade 3-5) Sowmya Yamarthy; 2nd Place (Grade 3-5) Susannah Mahoney; Claen Communities Chairperson Vincent Citarella; 2nd Place (Grade 3-5) Sristi Rai; 1st Place (Grade 3-5) Chirayu Gupta.

1st Place Winners

- Grade K-2 Arun Vadlamani - Perry L. Drew
 Alexis Ammons - Grace N. Rogers
- Grade 3-5 Sowmya Yamarthy - Perry L. Drew
 Chirayu Gupta - Walter C. Black
 Kiely Schuck - Ethel McKnight
 Elizabeth Lanphear - Grace N. Rogers

2nd Place Winners

- Grade 3-5 Sristi Rai - Perry L. Drew
 Megan Grelis - Walter C. Black
 Susannah Mahoney - Grace N. Rogers

3rd Place Winners

- Grade 3-5 Shubham Ojha - Walter C. Black
 Haley Brennan - Grace N. Rogers

East Windsor Township E-News

East Windsor Township's E-News Update service provides e-mail notification of municipal news and special events.

Internet users can register on the Township's website to be part of the E-News Updates network. To sign up for e-mail notifications visit www.east-windsor.nj.us and look for E-Mail News registration section on the Township's website home page. A valid e-mail address is all that is required to register for this new service.

Mayor and Council

Commercial Development Update

McGraw – Hill Companies is investing over \$100 million dollars to construct a new state-of-the-art data center in 180,000 square feet of vacant space in an existing building on its south campus on Princeton-Hightstown Road. The new data center will provide support for much of the Company's global operations. McGraw-Hill, East Windsor's largest employer and a major operations center for the Company for almost 50 years, employs about 1,000 people in approximately 900,000 square feet of facilities.

The developer of the 100,000 square foot **Windsor Crossing Center**, the Robertson Douglas Group, has identified the first four tenants for the complex. Windsor Crossing Center is nearing completion and is located just off of Route 130 north between the new **Wal-Mart** and **Home Depot**. This Center will include a free-standing bank building and a child care center of about 8,200 square feet.

Gold's Gym, the 12th to open in New Jersey, will be a major occupant taking 25,000 square feet. According to the company, Gold's Gym established in 1965 has 510+ facilities worldwide in 28 countries and 41 states. Gold's Gym projects an opening date of late November or early December.

A new Italian full service sit-down restaurant **Via Roma Restaurant** will occupy 3,000 square feet hoping to open in the fall of 2007. The operator, Nunzio Ragusa, previously operated two family owned Nunzio Restaurants in Brooklyn and currently owns Dante's Restaurant in Jackson, New Jersey.

A new freestanding **Synergy Bank** opened in September and will be the first branch in Mercer County. The bank will occupy the entire 3,000 square foot first floor.

Robertson Douglas Home Center will occupy the entire bank building second floor of 3,000 square feet, and anticipates a September opening. At this new home design center headquarters, Robertson Douglas homebuyers will be able to choose options for their new homes, such as cabinets, flooring, lighting, roofing and siding colors and textures.

Construction of a new child's learning center, **Knowledge Beginnings**, is currently underway at the intersection of Old Trenton Road and Princeton-Hightstown Road behind The Bank. The new learning center will be an 8,900 square foot facility with a secured outdoor playground area for children.

Sci-Park, the Township's first large scale office-lab development, broke ground on Phase I of a 270,000 square foot office-lab, four building complex located on Old Trenton Road. The first building will be approximately 65,000 square feet and was designed by well respected architectural firm CUH2A.

Coastal Insulation Corporation opened its new 40,000 square foot facility at 100 Lake Drive. Coastal Insulation Corporation was previously located in Spotswood, New Jersey and relocated to East Windsor to accommodate their need for more space. They specialize in the application of fiberglass insulation in commercial and residential new construction and service locations on the east coast from Connecticut to Maryland.

DeGeorge Development, LLC is nearing completion of a 6,000 square foot office building located on Route 33 east of Lake Drive between the PNC Bank and the Prestige Diner.

The 300,000 square foot office complex located at Old Trenton Road and Millstone Road, known as **Windsor Corporate Park**, is 96% leased and occupied despite a soft office market in the State. Recent leases with **Comcast** for 36,000 square feet, **ClinPhone** for 40,000 square feet, **Paradigm** for 3,700 square feet and **Eprocrates** for 3,700 square feet add to the current tenant mix which includes **CBIZ Consulting**, **Commonwealth Business Media**, **CareGrain, Inc.**, **CofaceNorth America**, **ExpertPlan**, **PERQ/HCI Research**, **Infragistics**, **Liberty Communications Network** and **Utica National Insurance Company**.



High Tech Einstein's Alley

A road sign announcing "Einstein's Alley" was unveiled on Princeton-Hightstown Road in front of the pharmaceutical research facility of Phyton Biotech, a world leader in the use of technology using plant cell cultures to provide high value medicine ingredients used in the treatment of cancer. The blue and white sign featuring an atomic graphic is designed to highlight East Windsor as a member of Einstein's Alley and the Township Route 571 corridor as an ideal location for high tech businesses to locate and prosper.

Mayor and Council

New Businesses

The **East Windsor Farmer's Market** opened in April in the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center, located on Route 130 South just north of Princeton-Hightstown Road. The approximately 10,000 square foot store is located in the space formerly occupied by the CVS pharmacy, which moved to a new free standing store in the same shopping center. The Farmer's Market carries a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, a deli counter, as well as, fresh flowers.



Mayor Janice Mironov cut the ribbon to officially open the new East Windsor Farmer's Market. Pictured from left to right are: Council Member Perry Shapiro; Pastor Lee; Mayor Janice Mironov; Owner David Wansup O; Council Member Hector Duke and Partner Yong Tae Kim.

Moe's Southwest Grill, located on Hickory Corner Road behind Haldeman Ford next to WAWA and Dominoes Pizza, opened for business in April. The eatery features food with a Southwestern flare and includes burritos, tacos, quesadillas, salads, fajitas and nachos. Moe's also does off-site catering.

The **Asian Halal Meat & Kabab House** opened in the Royal Plaza on Route 130 south. Fresh goat, lamb, beef and chicken are available as well as prepared snacks, rice, fresh bread, tandoori and curry.



Bella Lea's Restaurant recently had a Grand Opening. Pictured from left to right are: Council Member Perry Shapiro, Head Chef Sebastian Lancellotta, Assistant Chef Eswin Garcia, Mayor Janice Mironov, Bella Leah Skye, Dr. Robert Vichnevetsky and owners Teri Skye-Mittleman and Artie Mittleman.

Bella Lea's Restaurant opened in June and is located in the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center on Route 130 South just north of Princeton-Hightstown Road. The newly renovated restaurant has a 45 seat dining area and offers traditional Italian cuisine, fresh seafood specials, homemade soups, breads and salads.

The new 2,000 square foot restaurant, **Saigon Restaurant**, recently opened in Royal Plaza on Route 130 South. The restaurant has a 50 seat dining area and offers a variety of Vietnamese cuisine known for its common use of fish sauce, soy sauce and hoisin sauce with a variety of vegetables.



Saigon Restaurant recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured from left to right are: Council Member Marsha Weinstein; Mayor Janice Mironov; Phuong Lam; Owner John Ha and Hanh Dao.

Kohls plans to open a new department store in East Windsor Township on Route 130 north at the intersection of Hickory Corner Road. The new two-story store, which will total 105,744 square feet and employ approximately 200 people, is projected by Kohls to break ground upon receipt of its State permits and take about nine months to complete. The site also includes a proposed freestanding bank and restaurant.

North Fork Bank, located in the Town Center Plaza Shopping Center on Route 130 North, broke ground in August. This new 2,674 square foot free-standing facility will provide 24 hour banking with one walk up ATM, one drive thru ATM, one drive up window, night deposit and penny arcade. The projected opening of the facility is scheduled for December 2007.

Township Business Directory Website

The East Windsor Township Economic Development Committee has launched a new website featuring a business directory which will provide Township residents with a convenient on-line directory of local businesses. Township businesses have been asked to enter key information about their business. All Township business owners who have not yet entered information are urged to visit the website at www.eastwindsorbusiness.org. The website also includes a calendar of events of interest to the business community and helpful links.

Mayor and Council

2007 Sylvania Weiss Senior Citizen Volunteer Award Presented to Caroline Stuart

Caroline Stuart, a former guidance counselor and a resident at Meadow Lakes for the past 16 years, was presented the 2007 Sylvania Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer by Mayor Mironov and Council Members. She has been President of the Forum, the residents' organization at Meadow Lakes, and has chaired the Health Care Committee, the Master Plan Committee and the Education Award Committee at Meadow Lakes. Caroline Stuart also has served for several years as regional vice-president of the Organization of Residents Association of New Jersey.

Ms. Stuart has volunteered her time counseling patients with disabilities, giving each patient "a new lease on life." Caroline Stuart, as Chairperson of the Education Award Committee, has also counseled prospective high school students, helping them complete college applications, guiding them in their career decision-making and obtaining tuition aid for students through various programs she has established.



Mayor Janice Mironov presents Meadow Lakes resident Caroline Stuart with the 2007 Sylvania Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer. Pictured from left to right are: front row- Mayor Janice Mironov, Sylvania Weiss Senior Citizen Award recipient Caroline Stuart, Sylvania Weiss; back row – Meadow Lakes Executive Director Jay Zimmer, Deputy Mayor Walter T. Daniels, Jr., President and CEO of Presbyterian Homes and Services Senior Living Gary Puma and Senior Vice President and COO of Presbyterian Homes and Services Senior Living Chuck Mooney.

Mayor Mironov noted that, "Caroline Stuart's involvement demonstrates a passion and deep dedication to encouraging and assisting people, providing care and comfort to Meadow Lakes residents and assisting our local students in preparing for future educational and professional opportunities. We are proud to have Mrs. Caroline Stuart as a part of our community."

The Sylvania Weiss Senior Citizen Award is to recognize a senior citizen who has exhibited outstanding service through volunteerism to the community by way of the schools, religious institutions or service organizations.

2006 Business Awards

East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov presented the East Windsor Township 2006 Business Awards to three local businesses. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize local businesses that have made special efforts to improve or contribute to the community. Nominations of businesses were accepted in three categories: 1) Creating an attractive appearance, 2) Community contributions and service, and 3) Providing a special community enhancement.



Mayor Janice Mironov presents the Township's 2006 Business Awards to three local businesses. Pictured from left to right are: Township Planning Board Chairperson Edward Kelley; Silver Decoy Winery partner Mark Carduner; Mayor Janice Mironov; Triangle Repro Center owner Michael R. Coccioiullo; and Holiday Inn East Windsor owner Carey Tajfel.

Holiday Inn East Windsor received the award for the category of creating an attractive appearance, by way of landscaping and the physical appearance of their structure and site. The award was given in recognition and appreciation for the remodeling of the former Ramada Inn.

Triangle Repro Center was the recipient for the category of community contributions and services. Triangle Repro Center has donated services and supplies to such groups as Better Beginnings Child Development Center, Hero's and Lady's Mentoring Program, East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads and the Police Benevolent Association.

Silver Decoy Winery received the award for the category of community enhancement. Silver Decoy Winery, founded in 2001, produces grapes with distinct flavor characteristics capable of making fine wines on a local farm on Windsor Perrineville Road. It also was noted that they have supported local non-profit organizations by contributing to fund raising events.

Police

East Windsor Township Celebrates 2007 National Night Out Against Crime

The annual National Night Out Against Crime event was held on Tuesday, August 7. East Windsor Township Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Members of Council, as well as Police Chief William W. Spain, hosted this event at the Township Police Building.



Mayor Mironov proclaimed August 7, 2007 "National Night Out". Pictured left to right: Front Row: Council Member Hector Duke, Crime Watch Member Stacey LaBone, Crime Watch Chair Vincent Citiralla, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Crime Watch Member Judy Miller, Crime Watch Member Lilly Ehrlich, Council Member Marc Lippman, Council Member Marsha Weinstein and Council Members Perry Shapiro. Back Row: Council Member Alan Rosenberg, Patrol Officer Brian Gorski, Crime Watch Member Tom Pompillio, Deputy Mayor Walter Daniels, Crime Watch Member Anthony Hopfinger, Police Chief William Spain, Crime Watch Member Michele Goldammer, Crime Watch Member Alvin Miller, Crime Watch Member Richard LaBone and Detective Joseph Gorski

This highly success annual event was well attended despite the hot temperatures. Residents had an opportunity to meet and speak with local officials and were able to tour the police station, view many police, fire and rescue exhibits, and children and senior citizens were given free photo identification cards.

Additionally, representatives from East Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad District 1, East Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad District II, East Windsor Fire Company No. 1 and East Windsor Fire Company No.2 were on hand providing demonstrations of various emergency equipment.

National Night Out Against Crime is a national program held annually on the first Tuesday in August. East

Windsor Township sponsors the event for the benefit of our community.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

Did you know that over 90% of all child safety seats are incorrectly used? Some of the most common mistakes made are: facing the child forward too soon; not securing the child in tightly; locking clip not used correctly; using a recalled seat or placing a child in front of an airbag. Your child's safety is our concern! Let a trained child seat technician from the Township Police Department check for proper installation. It is simple and it is free. Call Sergeant Harry Marshall at 448-5678 for an appointment.

From the Office of Animal Control:

Dog Licensing

Residents are reminded that all dogs over 6 months of age, residing in the township, are to be licensed each year. Dog Licenses are valid for the current calendar year and expire yearly on December 31. Licensing information may be obtained in person at the Township Clerk's office or by calling 443-4000, ext 240.

The Township Animal Control Unit performs a yearly dog census which involves canvassing of residences within the Township to inspect for valid licenses. Animal control unit personnel will be required to inspect current licenses for all dogs residing in your residence.

Fall Rabies Clinic

The Township Animal Control Unit has scheduled the fall dates for the 2007 Rabies Clinics. East Windsor residents can bring their dogs and cats for free rabies shots on these dates. Dog owners must present a copy of their current dog license or proof of last rabies inoculation to qualify for the shots on these dates.

November 3 Saturday

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
East Windsor Volunteer Fire Co No. 1

November 10 Saturday

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
East Windsor Volunteer Fire Co No. 2

Any questions or concerns about these matters should be addressed to the Township's Animal Control Officer, Jim St. John at 448-5678 ext. 229.

Public Works

Trash Collection

Fall Holiday Schedule

There is **no trash pick-up on the following Holidays**. If your pick-up day falls on one of these days, your garbage will be picked up on your next regular pickup date.

Holiday	Day	Date
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2007
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday	November 23, 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 25, 2007
New Years Day 2008	Tuesday	January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 21, 2008
President's Day	Monday	February 18, 2008
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2008
WATCH FOR YOUR NEW GARBAGE DISTRICT DIRECTORY		

Recycling Collection

Recycling dates for 2007/2008 are as follows:

AREA #1

Oct 10 & 24	Nov 7 & 21	Dec 5 & 19	Jan 2, 16 & 30	Feb 13 & 27
Mar 12 & 26	Apr 9 & 23	May 7 & 21	Jun 4 & 18	

AREA #2

Oct 3, 17 & 31	Nov 14 & 28	Dec 12 & 26	Jan 9 & 23	Feb 6 & 20
Mar 5 & 19	Apr 2, 16 & 30	May 14 & 21	Jun 4 & 18	

All dates are Wednesday - Use the street index in the Garbage District Flyer to determine your route number

Leaf Collection

The Township's 2007 leaf collection program will **begin on Monday October 8** and **end on Friday, December 28**. The program plan is divided into Area I and Area II for scheduled pick-up. Please refer to the street index for the Area to which your particular street is assigned.

PASS #1

Area 1 October 8 to October 13
Area 2 October 15 to October 20

PASS #2

Area 1 October 22 to November 3
Area 2 November 5 to November 17

PASS #3

Area 1 November 19 to December 1
Area 2 December 3 to December 15

Final Pass - One final pass through will be made through the whole Township between December 17 and 28. In prior years, additional passes were made through both areas due to a very successful program and very cooperative weather conditions. Public Works will strive to continue making extra passes in 2007.

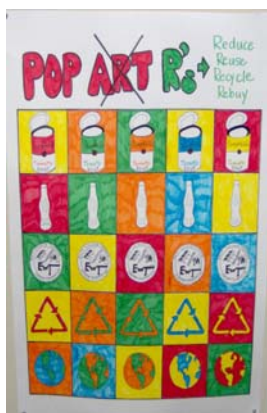
Public Works

Recycling Information

Under a new system of recycling collection and sorting, recyclables no longer need to be separated. Residents may use green or yellow recycling cans for any eligible recycling materials.

<u>DO's</u>	<u>DONT's</u>
Newspapers and inserts	No waxed papers
Magazines, catalogs	No soda or beer boxes
School, copier and computer paper	No food stained boxes
Dry food boxes	No frozen food boxes
Powdered detergent boxes	No paper towels
Shoe and gift boxes	No fax or carbon paper
Brown paper bags and gift wrap	No paper plates Telephone books
All colors of glass	No ceramics or dishes Aluminum, steel or tin cans
Plastic bottles #1 and #2 symbol	No light bulbs
Juice drink boxes	No chemical containers

Earth Day Recycling Posters



Kiely Schuck
Ethel McKnight School
1st Place Grade 3-5



Arun Vadlamani
Perry L. Drew School
1st Place Grade K-2



Chirayu Gupta
Walter C. Black School
1st Place Grade 3-5

Snow Season

Snow is one of the most difficult challenges for Public Works. Snow plowing efforts can be aided by residents who cooperate with some simple rules. First, avoid parking on snow routes which are marked with “**No Parking When Snow Covered**” signs. Second, when clearing sidewalks and driveways, please do not push the snow into the street. It is often better to wait until crews have cleared the streets before clearing your walks and driveways. If you do start early, leave the last few feet of driveway unplowed until the streets are clear. If plows are still working, they will unavoidably push snow back into the driveway you cleared. Finally, please understand that snow plowing is difficult and takes a heavy toll on the plow operators. For your safety and theirs, please do not let children play in the street while plows are operating. Plows are hard to stop and it can be difficult to see children because of darkness, blowing snow or sun glare after the storm is over.

New Equipment Arrivals

The Public Works Department recently took delivery of a new Toto 850 Series mower which is capable of cutting 18 foot swaths of grass in a single pass. The mower will be used in the Parks Division to help maintain park lands, playing fields, detention basins and open space. The Parks and Roads Divisions also took delivery of two new replacement mason dump trucks that will also assist with snow plowing.

Fire and Rescue

EMT's of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week, and recognized the EMT's of the Year, **EMT Sarah Jacobi** for East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 and **EMT Les Rudnick** for East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II.

Sarah Jacobi, a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician who first joined East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 as a Senior Cadet in August 2001, quickly became involved in heavy rescue and rose to the positions of Lieutenant and Crew Chief and has participated on various committees, including the Installation Dinner Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mayor Mironov praised Sarah stating, "Sarah Jacobi is a valuable asset to East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 and the community by participating in several events including the annual Haunted House and Operation Prom Night, which simulates motor vehicle accidents for the East Windsor Regional School District."



East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov, joined by officers of East Windsor Rescue Squads District 1 and District II, recognizes EMT's of the Year Sarah Jacobi and Les Rudnick. Pictured left to right: District II President Rita Teubner; East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 Vice President Erin Jacobi; East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 EMT of the Year Sarah Jacobi; Mayor Janice Mironov; District II EMT of the Year Les Rudnick; East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II Chief Kevin Hood and East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 Chief Robert Manlio.

Les Rudnick is a founding member of East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II, established in 1974, and has held several positions including Vice President and Chairperson of the Membership and Grievance Committee. Mayor Mironov commended Les stating, "Les Rudnick continually goes above and beyond the call of duty by sharing his skills and knowledge with new members and helping teach CPR to members and the public and he is considered by the members as a thread that has held the Squad together during lean times and by passionately dedicating his time and efforts in ensuring that East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II continues to operate in an efficient manner."

Halloween Spook-taculars

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 will be hosting its annual Community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their station located on Twin Rivers Drive. Refreshments and costume prizes will be awarded.

East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 will be hosting its annual Haunted House. *The Dark Ages* will be open October 19-21 and October 26-28 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 and is recommended for ages 12 and up. District 1 will also be hosting its annual *Just 4 Kidz* Halloween funfest. There will be arts and crafts, prizes for best costumes and a behind the scenes look at the haunted house. This program is for ages 4 to 12 and will be held on October 20 and 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All events will be held at the Rescue Squad building located on One Mile road across from the Police Building.

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Volunteers Needed!!!

Are you looking for a way to make a difference and give back to community that you live in. Volunteer to become a member of one of the volunteer emergency service departments in East Windsor Township. Fire Company No. 1 and Rescue Squad District 1 serve the western part of town, while Fire Company No. 2 and Rescue Squad District II serve the eastern part of town. All four agencies depend on people willing to volunteer their time. All training will be provided free of cost.

You can contact the agencies at:

Fire Company No. 1	448-5487	www.ewvfc1.org
Rescue, District 1	448-5678	www.squad142.com
Fire Company No. 2	443-5130	www.ewvfc2.org
Rescue, District II	448-8992	www.squad146.com

Recreation

Summer Camps Fun For All

Township children enjoyed a fun-filled ten weeks in summer camps offered by the East Windsor Township Recreation Department.

Children in Grades K-1 enjoyed the Sunny Day Camps held at the Drew and Black Schools. Activities included swimming, outdoor games, and crafts. The highlight of each week was a trip to popular destinations such as Build-A-Bear and Jenkinson's Aquarium.

Children in Grades 2-6 attended the Recreation Day Camps held at the Drew and Black Schools. Activities included arts and crafts, organized sports, special events and various games. The campers also went swimming daily and on weekly bus trips to places like South Brunswick Grand Slam and Medieval Times.

Children in Grades 7-8 attended the Intermediate Day Camp held at the Kreps School. Activities included swimming, organized sports, and special lunch days at restaurants such as The Americana Diner, Marco Polo Buffet and Dairy Queen's Grill and Chill. The campers also went on a few trips per week to such destinations as Combat Zone Laser Tag and Seaside Heights beach and boardwalk.



Senior Travel Campers and staff spend a fun-filled day at Mountain Creek.

The Junior and Senior Travel Camps were busy every day with trips to such places as Hershey Park, Broadway Shows, and Medieval Times. They also attended Trenton Thunder and Yankees baseball games.

Working parents also took advantage of our Camp Care program for additional before and after camp hours. The Recreation Department is committed to making sure that families can take full advantage of the summer camp programs.

The summer camp programs were once again staffed by dedicated teachers and college/high school students who enjoy the camps almost as much as the children! These seasonal employees are committed to providing the children of the East Windsor community with a safe and exciting summer.

Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees

Residents are encouraged to serve on the Township's volunteer Boards and Committees. Applications are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office and on the Township's web site at www.east-windsor.nj.us. Appointments are made January 1 or as vacancies occur throughout the year by the Mayor and Council. For more information or to receive an application, log on to the Township web site or call 443-4000, ext. 240.

Under a special Mayor and Council created program, high school students can serve as members of Township Boards and Committees. High School students who wish to serve should submit a letter or application indicating their area of interest and reasons or related background.

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Pre-School Programs

The Recreation Department is offering a pre-school program for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. The program is *Mommy/Daddy and Me* for children ages 2-4. Join us for some fun with arts and crafts, music, stories, games, and new friends. Program is held at the Etra Lake Park Environmental Center. For more specific registration information, please contact the Recreation Office.

Discount Ski Tickets

The Recreation Department will be selling discount ski lift tickets to area ski resorts. Contact the Recreation Office at 443-4000 ext. 225 for additional information.

Recreation

After School Programs

The Recreation Department offers a variety of programs for children in Grades K-8. Programs are held in the Black, Drew, McKnight, Rogers, and Kreps Schools. Below are brief descriptions of the programs that will be offered this fall and winter. For more specific registration information, contact the Recreation Office. Programs are advertised in the elementary schools, local libraries and newspapers, and on the Township's web site.

Mad Science

Students will participate in different hands-on experiments each week. Activities will include working with chemical reactions, using microscopes to view unique specimens, making a rocket and other exciting projects.

KidzArt Arts and Crafts-New 2007

Creative Art Classes that help kids soar! Our drawing based art enrichment program is designed to help kids build self-confidence, learn patience and become creative problem-solvers. Students will be using only high quality, professional art materials. Each lesson is designed to kick start your child's creative toolbox. When you are free to dream, you find the power to create! **Program is offered to children in grades K -5.**

Computer Explorers

Students will enter a digital photography center to begin a life-long adventure into the digital arts! First, the students will learn how to take a good picture and then using state-of-the-art Adobe Photoshop software, they will improve and creatively transform their digital photographs into works of art using a variety of graphic arts tools. Expanding on the skills they learn the students will create imaginative and unique projects. **Program is offered to students in grades K-5.**

Youth Sports Programs

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Bowling

An 8-week bowling program will be conducted at the Playdrome of East Windsor on Route 130. Students will learn the basic skills of bowling including safety, etiquette, arm swing and release.

Golf Lessons

Golf lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center and will be taught by P.G.A. professional Rich Bischel. Students will learn the basic skills of the golf swing and hit balls at the golf range.

Martial Arts Program

In conjunction with the Shaolin Kung Fu Institute, located at 106 Mercer Street, the Recreation Department is sponsoring several Martial Arts programs for both youth and adults beginning in October. Please contact the Recreation Department for more detailed information and a registration form.

Harlem Globetrotters

The Recreation Department will be selling tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters game held at Sovereign Bank Arena on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The price will be \$15 per ticket. Contact the Recreation Office at 443-4000 ext 225 for more information.

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Family Bus Trips

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Radio City Music Hall to see *The Christmas Spectacular* featuring The Rockettes on Saturday, December 15. The coach bus will be leaving the Senior Center at 6:30 a.m., show is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and then the bus will depart New York City at 2:00 p.m. for a 4:00 p.m. return to the Senior Center.

The cost will be \$70 for Township residents and will include bus charter to and from the theatre and admission ticket to the show. Contact the Recreation Office at 443-4000 ext. 225 for further information. **Tickets are limited!**

Senior Center

East Windsor Senior Center

Visit the East Windsor Senior Center located at 40 Lanning Blvd in East Windsor Township. The state of the art facility has many classes, events and activities to offer Senior Citizens 60 years old and over who reside in East Windsor or Hightstown Borough.

Programs and Activities at the Senior Center include:

- Blood Pressure screenings first Monday
- Exercise Monday thru Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
- T'ai Chi Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Bingo Monday thru Friday at 10:00 a.m.
- Prize Bingo 1st Monday of month at 12:30 p.m.
- Spanish Class-Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Crafts-Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Beginning Quilting Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing-Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Yoga-Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Movies every Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons

Mercer County Outreach Services

Mercer County Senior Outreach Aide Wilfred Jeffers is available to assist seniors with PAAD applications, Senior Gold Applications, hearing assistance and hearing aid applications. Mr. Jeffers is at the Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Commission Mobile Unit

The Motor Vehicle Commission mobile unit will be at the East Windsor Township Senior Center on October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. so senior citizens and those with disabilities can renew their New Jersey driver's license that will expire within 6 months from this date or wish to upgrade from a paper/photo license to a digital license. Appointments are required and will be made every 10 minutes. The cost will be \$24.00 for a new license and \$11.00 for an upgrade. You may pay by cash or check. You must bring identification which will meet the 6 points of identification criteria required by the MVC. Brochures are available at the Senior Center that explains these requirements.



The annual Art Show was hosted at the Senior Center in May. Local seniors were invited to display their artwork and crafts. Some of the participants were, pictured left to right: Enid Cush, Sheila Richman, Lorraine Tanguay, Hugette Dieterle, Sylvia Rossman, Carol DeSisto, Kamelia Munger, Ingrid Davis, Charles Mullins, Hash Shah and Eleanor Hasse.

Senior Annual Art Show

During the month of May, the Senior Center hosted the annual Senior Art Show. Local seniors were invited to display their artwork during the week. At the end of the week, prizes were awarded in several categories. Below is a list of the winners:

Painting

First Place- Eleanor Hasse -Prize-\$50.00 gift card to Americana Diner

Second Place-Margaret Rosen-Prize-\$25.00 gift card to Moe's Southwestern Grill

Third Place-Eleanor Hasse-Prize-\$10.00 gift certificate to Dairy Queen

Crafts

First Place-Hash Shah-\$50.00 gift card to Eckerd Pharmacy

Second Place-Ginger Wiktor-\$25.00 gift card to Prestige Diner

Third Place-Sheila Richman-\$10.00 gift certificate to Dairy Queen

Quilting and Related Needlework

First Place-Sheila Richman-\$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart and \$25.00 gift card to Claremont Diner

Second Place-Mayleen Mark-\$25.00 gift card to Wegmans

Third Place-Lorraine Tanguay-\$10.00 gift card to Little Schezuan Restaurant

Recruiting Gran-Pals

The Rogers and Black Elementary Schools are currently looking for Gran-Pals for grades K-5. Gran-Pals assist students with academic and social skills. If you are available to volunteer one hour a week, contact the Senior Center.

Senior Center

Brave New World Computer Classes

All computer classes are taught by Marcia Duhart at the Senior Center. Descriptions of classes are outlined below. Please contact the Senior Center office for more detailed information.

Introduction to Computers and Lingo

October 5, 11, 18, and 19 1:30 p. m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 2, 9, 16 and 30 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Internet and E-Mail

November 14, 20, 28 and Dec. 5 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
February 6, 13, 20 and 27 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Internet: More Than Just E-mail

January 4, 11, 18 and February 1 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Word

October 3, 10, 16 and 17 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
February 8, 15, 22 and 29 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Advanced Word

November 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to Excel

November 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Let's Google and Make Electronic Cards

October 5, 11, 18 and 29 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Learning About Windows XP

November 14, 20, 28 and Dec. 5 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE-

October 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. This will be presented by Die Laughing Productions. Join in on the Murder and Mayhem as the charming guest sitting next to you drops dead from poison. Interrogate the Slippery Suspects and help solve the crime as you enjoy appetizers and desserts which will be provided by the Claremont Diner. The cost is \$20.00

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 31. Wear a Halloween Costume or wear black and orange. ULTRAX DJ's will be here to entertain everyone. Join us for an afternoon of fun.

TEDDY BEAR TEA

November 7 at 12:30 p.m. Please bring in a teddy bear outfit to dress a teddy bear for a child and your favorite tea cup. We will be donating the dressed bears to Womanspace Inc. This year storyteller Doreen Shepard will be presenting Teddy Bear Stories.

THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST

November 12 at 11:30 a.m. Seating is limited. Join us for this annual affair! Americana Diner donates the mashed potatoes, turkey, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce. Please make sure you wear black and white like the pilgrims.

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 18 at 12:30 p.m. Join us for our annual holiday party. Please wear the colors from the holiday you celebrate.

NEW YEARS DAY PARTY

January 2 at 12:30 p.m. Join us to ring in the New Year!

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL-

The Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on February 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn the art of feinshei, the art of tea, and enjoy Chinese food for lunch compliments of area restaurants. A Chinese Lion Dance will be performed by Donna McCoy and the Chinese Lion Dance Team.

Trips

QVC Outlet

Join us for a trip to the QVC Shopping Network on October 11. The cost is \$38.00 a person and includes transportation via Starr Tours. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 8:00 p.m.

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Atlantic City

Plan to go to Atlantic City on October 30! The cost is only \$18.00 and the casino will be Show Boat. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and will return at 7:00 p.m.

Vanity Fair Outlet

The trip is scheduled for December 6. The cost is \$5.00 a person and includes transportation, a food court voucher for lunch, a shopping bag and coupon book.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – Christmas Playhouse Spectacular

The show will be on December 14. The cost is \$52.00 for the admission and \$4.00/\$2.50 PAAD. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will entertain you with multitalented performers who will fill you with cheer with traditional carols, classic and contemporary Yuletide compositions.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2007

2007 East Windsor Township Council Meetings
East Windsor Township Municipal Building
Public Meeting Room 8:00 PM

October 23
November 7
November 27
December 4
December 18

SPOTLIGHT EAST WINDSOR

Spotlight East Windsor, Ask the Mayor, with Mayor Janice Mironov, is a live call-in program on Comcast Cable Channel 27. *Spotlight East Windsor* appears on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. The program is one of the news and public affairs information programs featured on the local access channel for area residents. The channel also carries public announcements and programming throughout the week from East Windsor Township, the East Windsor Regional School District, and other community groups.