



# East Windsor Township

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Property taxes and property tax reform remains the leading and most pressing issue among residents in the State of New Jersey today. Notwithstanding and contrary to previous public policy commitments, State officials continue to take actions to exacerbate local property taxpayer burdens. Remember only last summer the New Jersey Legislature held historic special sessions to tackle the crying need for property tax relief in New Jersey.

As I am writing this message the Governor's proposed State budget, in a surprising development, is proposing arbitrary cuts in State aid to municipalities throughout New Jersey, including a \$300,000 reduction to East Windsor. While we support efforts to responsibly reign in State spending, these cuts in State aid to municipalities result in direct local property tax increases and demonstrate a serious lack of commitment and priority to property tax relief on behalf of the citizens of this State. It makes little public policy sense to pass costs from the more progressive income, sales and corporate tax base at the State level to the regressive property tax base on the local level, already the most burdened in the nation. And what happened to the added half cent sales tax which was to be dedicated 100% to property tax relief.

These ill-advised anti-property taxpayer actions come on the heels of a lack of serious achievement at the State level to finally act to lessen home owners' property tax burdens by creating a more equitable and rational tax structure in New Jersey. The State must make fundamental changes in how we pay for government and for schools. New Jersey continues to rank among the most heavily burdened property tax States in the entire nation. New Jersey's extraordinary over-reliance on the property tax to fund local governments and school districts does not relate to a person's ability to pay, thereby placing a tremendous and unfair burden on homeowners. Escalating property taxes drive out of our towns retirees and senior citizens on fixed incomes who can no longer afford to stay in their homes, and make it difficult for young families or anyone to afford to live in New Jersey.

The State also must take steps to make more efficient use of the dollars allocated locally. The State rhetoric is for merger, sharing and running lean local governments. But the State fiscal policies and aid allocations often reward entities which are financially not well managed and provide bonus "subsidies" to governments which the State says likely should not exist, through various pots of money as "extraordinary aid" or "distressed cities" or "urban aid" and other public funding programs like "smart" growth.

In East Windsor, we agree that everyone at all levels must do government smarter. We continually endeavor to effect additional savings and to cooperate and share where we can identify opportunities to better serve our residents. We currently participate jointly in many areas, including: interlocal agreement with Hightstown Borough to provide to them senior program services; interlocal agreements with Hamilton Township for health services to East Windsor; a multi-town Joint Insurance Fund; municipal roadway partnerships with Mercer County; purchases through the Middlesex Mercer Cooperative and the State cooperative program for purchasing.

At the same time, State officials and legislators continue to add ridiculous burdens to local governments and taxpayers. The newest Council on Affordable Housing proposed regulations would place extraordinary and unrealistic affordable housing provision requirements on towns, costing considerable local taxpayer dollars to achieve the proposed goals, and significant costs to property taxpayers for public services costs as police, fire and rescue, and especially for education.

And as if the State legislators do not have enough important business on their plate, like addressing property taxes, they continually introduce, sometimes enact, State laws unnecessarily and ill-advisedly attempting to meddle in our local business often creating new local expenses. Laws such as telling towns what days of the week they can accept bids, imposing new certification requirements for municipal staff, dictating hours and staffing and funding of municipal prosecutor offices, to name just a few.

Maybe some State officials need to revisit their job descriptions.



JANICE S. MIRONOV  
MAYOR

## Mayor and Council

### Mayor and Council Hold Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2008, re-elected Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Township Council Members Walter T. Daniels Jr., Marc Lippman and Marsha Weinstein were sworn in at the annual reorganization meeting. Mayor Mironov was sworn in by Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes with her mother, Rita Mironov, holding the Bible. Perry Shapiro was appointed Deputy Mayor.



*Photo left: Mayor Janice S. Mironov (center) being sworn in by Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes (left) and her mother Rita Mironov (right) holds the Bible. Photo right: Perry Shapiro is sworn in as Deputy Mayor by Mayor Janice S. Mironov. Pictured from left to right are: Mayor Janice Mironov, Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro, his mother Ruth Shapiro and his son Kurt Shapiro.*

### East Windsor Township Takes Delivery of New Community Bus

East Windsor Township was awarded a new Community Bus from New Jersey Transit through a Federal Transit Administration grant. There was significant competition for this program funding, but the Mayor and Council succeeded in obtaining a \$156,085 grant for purchase of a new 2008 bus, at no cost to the Township. The new 34 foot long bus replaces a ten year old bus and can accommodate 30 passengers. It is equipped with a platform type wheel chair lift, a kneeling feature to assist handicapped riders, package racks, air-conditioning, seat belts, arm rests and emergency pull cords. The Community Bus is used to transport Township residents to and from the East Windsor Township Senior Center, shopping centers and medical appointments. The bus operates Monday through Friday and the second Saturday of each month. Any resident wishing to use the bus should contact the East Windsor Township Senior Center to schedule a pick-up time at 371-7192.



*The new East Windsor Township Community Bus drops off senior citizens at the Senior Center each day.*

### Township Completes Etra Lake Pathway Project

The Township has completed the Etra Lake Pathway project with the exception of some signage and landscaping that will be done once the weather permits. The Township received a total of \$475,000 in grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to underwrite the costs.

The approximately one mile long pathway provides convenient pedestrian access from the Twin Rivers area to Etra Lake Park. The pathway extends from the end of Lake Drive along the northern shore of Etra Lake to Milford Road. The pathway crosses the Milford Road bridge at the end of Etra Lake and extends along the southern shore of the lake to the playground area of Etra Lake Park. A new sidewalk along the west side of Lake Drive from Twin Rivers Drive to the cul-de-sac also was constructed.

## Mayor and Council

### Township Preserves Additional Open Space Roadway Improvements

**E**ast Windsor Township and Mercer County have worked together to preserve a 10.2 acre property off of Old Cranbury Road, along the Millstone River. Closing on the property took place in October. The purchase price of \$500,000 was funded entirely by Mercer County. The County and the Township will be joint owners of the property, and the Township will manage the property. These 10 acres will provide an attractive natural amenity and buffer for residents of the neighboring Cranbury Manor. This acquisition is also timely since it removes the potential threat of residential development pursuant to a subdivision application filed with the Planning Board.



### Bear Brook Pathway Reconstruction Completed

**T**he reconstruction of the Bear Brook Pathway, damaged by a nor'easter, has been completed. The Township will be fully reimbursed for all costs, 75% by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of the Presidential Declaration of Emergency and 25% by the State of New Jersey. The Bear Brook Pathway is a walking and biking path that runs along the Bear Brook through Wiltshire Park and Anker Park to the Hickory Corner Branch of the Mercer County Library.

### Route 130 Sidewalks

**T**he second and final phase of the Route 130 Sidewalk Project was completed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in late 2007. The new sidewalk project, undertaken in response to requests of the Mayor and Council, filled in missing gaps in sidewalks along both sides of Route 130 from Old Cranbury Road to Hickory Corner Road. In this phase, new sidewalks were installed on Route 130 between Old Cranbury Road and Route 571 and between Dutch Neck Road and Hickory Corner Road. In the previously completed "first phase" of sidewalk construction in the summer of 2005, the NJDOT installed sidewalks between Dutch Neck Road and Route 571 and between the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center and Route 571.

**M**ayor and Council received a State Municipal Aid Program grant of \$250,000 to resurface Dutch Neck Road from Route 130 to One Mile Road and One Mile Road from Dutch Neck Road to Princeton Hightstown Road. The project also will include associated improvements to curbing, drainage and handicap ramps. This area of One Mile Road and Dutch Neck Road is home to major public facilities, specifically the Township police/court building, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1.

### Mayor and Council Take Actions to Enhance Safety on Local Roadways

**I**n response to resident concerns, the Mayor and Council have requested the New Jersey Department of Transportation approval for a reduced and uniform 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Dutch Neck Road, from Route 130 to the West Windsor border. The Mayor and Council also approved elimination of the existing passing zones on Dutch Neck Road. Other safety improvements for key intersections along Dutch Neck Road, at Dorchester Drive, Hickory Corner Road, Oak Creek Road and One Mile Road, include widening of stop lines, pavement "stop" warnings and larger stop signs. An in-road pedestrian warning sign and additional improved crosswalk signage will be installed at the intersection of Oak Creek Road.

The Mayor and Council also have taken actions to enhance safety at the intersection of Hickory Corner Road and Oak Creek Road. Improvements include widening of stop lines, pavement "stop" warnings, installation of larger stop signs and the placement of intersection ahead warning signs on Hickory Corner Road.

### Independence Day Celebration

**M**ayor Janice Mironov and Council Members invite everyone to participate in the Township's annual Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Thursday, July 3, (raindate Saturday, July 5) at Etra Lake Park. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with live entertainment by Jerry Rife's Rhythm Kings Dixieland Band and the Trenton Brass Quintet Plus One. An exciting display of fireworks will follow the musical concerts. Bring your blankets and picnic baskets for an enjoyable night of family entertainment.



## Mayor and Council

### New Traffic Signal Installed at Old Trenton Road and One Mile Road

As a result of a request by Mayor Mironov and Council Members to County Executive Brian Hughes in late 2006, a new traffic signal received approval from State and County officials. The traffic signal, including labor and equipment, will cost \$125,000, most of which will be assumed by East Windsor and paid for exclusively by developer contributed funds.

A grant-funded Township-wide review of traffic circulation and area roads to identify potential improvements was completed in the summer of 2006. In light of the study recommendations and input from residents residing in the area of this intersection, the governing body made the traffic signal one of the Township's priorities for action.



Members of the East Windsor Municipal Alliance for Prevention of Substance Abuse are pictured above with Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Member and EWMAPSA Coordinator Walter T. Daniels Jr.

### Municipal Alliance Receives Grant

East Windsor Municipal Alliance for Prevention of Substance Abuse (EWMAPSA) was awarded a 2008 grant in the amount of \$22,614 from Mercer County. The Township-created and supported Municipal Alliance uses these grant funds to support a variety of local programs to prevent substance abuse. Programs supported by the Municipal Alliance include: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education); After Prom Event; Count on Me Kids; Peer Proof; HELP (Hightstown-East Windsor Learning Partners); Super BB's, Heroes & Ladies Mentoring Program; Next Level Youth, and "We Check for 21".

### Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Intersection Improvements Under Review

The Mayor and Council authorized a traffic engineer, using developer funds from the Transportation Improvement Program Fund, to work with the State on scoping out the proposed project. The proposed improvements would realign the area so that Conover Road, Hankins Road and Route 130 would meet at a single point controlled by a traffic signal with left turning lanes.

The Mayor and Council have long promoted and advocated this project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). The project was recently advanced again as a result of a Township-wide Transportation Study, funded by a \$65,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The NJDOT reaffirmed that it will not undertake the project, but now has agreed it will support and assist efforts by the Township. The Township has and will continue to work cooperatively with the NJDOT, Mercer County, Robbinsville and potential area commercial developers in an effort to forward and fund the intersection improvements.



Mayor Mironov recognized the 2007 Township Employees of the Year. Pictured from left to right are: Law and Public Safety Employee of the Year Sergeant James Geary; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Administration Employee of the Year Christine Groendyke and Public Works Employee of the Year Vincent DiCesare

### 2007 Township Employees of the Year

Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members recognized the 2007 Township Employees of the Year. The Employees of the Year for 2007 were: Sergeant James Geary from Law and Public Safety, Christine Groendyke, Technical Assistant in Code Enforcement from Township Administration and Vincent DiCesare, of the Roads Division from Public Works.

## Mayor and Council

### Clean Communities Committee Holds Annual Adopt-A-Spot Wrap-Up

East Windsor Township Mayor Janice Mironov and the Township Clean Communities Committee recently held the annual wrap-up for the Township’s “Adopt-A-Spot” program. In the program, the participating groups “adopt” a public property and keep it clean during the year. A sign is erected on the site indicating that it has been “adopted by” with the name of the group.

Youth groups that participated in the Township’s 2007 Adopt-A-Spot program are as follows: Boy Scout Troop 59, Boy Scout Troop 5700, Boy Scout Troop 6284, Brownie Troop 153, Cub Scout Pack 53, Cub Scout Pack 6284, East Windsor Police Athletic League, Girl Scout Troop 533, Girl Scout Troop 1464, Junior Girl Scout Troop 658 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 773.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recently recognized a number of youth groups for their participation in the 2007 Adopt-A-Spot program. Pictured above is Brownie Troop 153. Pictured from left to right are: back row- C.J. Mozeiko, Jennifer Kaedy, Mayor Janice Mironov, Mayden Klein, Clean Communities Member James Brady, Sarah Rodriguez, Clean Communities Chairperson Vincent Citarella; front row- Hope Kleppe, Halley Jetter, Samantha Douglas, Emily Sullivan, Samantha Chikosky and Lucy Felong.

Pictured below is Junior Troop 658. Pictured from left to right are: front row- Maria Scotto DiClemente, Samantha Silloan, Daisy Brown, Soan Laverty, Elizabeth Charache, Lise Malherbe, Emily O’Brien; back row - Mayor Janice Mironov, Clean Communities Chairperson Vincent Citarella and Clean Communities Member James Brady



### Township Youth Police Academy

East Windsor Township Mayor and Council, along with the Township Police Department, are once again proud to announce the week-long East Windsor Township Youth Police Academy for students entering 7th and 8th grades. The program will run from June 23 through 27. This popular community-based program is designed to inform middle school students about the structure and operation of the East Windsor Police Department. Applications for enrollment will be made available in April and can be obtained at the Kreps School Guidance Office, the Township Clerk’s Office and the Township Police Department. For more information contact Lieutenant Joseph Bonavico at 448-5678 ext. 233.

### East Windsor Township Recognizes “Get Moving-Fitness is Fun” Poster Winners

Mayor Janice S. Mironov presented certificates to the student winners of the Township “Get Moving-Fitness is Fun” poster contest to promote physical fitness:

**1st Place**

- Grade 3-4 - Tanvi Kataria (Perry L. Drew)
- Grade 5-6 - Kiely Shuck (Melvin H. Kreps)
- Grade 7-8 - Danielle Sunga (Melvin H. Kreps)

**2nd Place:**

- Grade 3-4 - Kimberly Jaramillo (Grace N. Rogers)
- Grade 5-6 - Raymond Hagymasi (Melvin H. Kreps)
- Grade 7-8 - Katherine Zajkowski (Melvin H. Kreps)

**3rd Place:**

- Grade 3-4 - Chris Rosenberger (Walter C. Black)
- Grade 5-6 - Sohum Shah (Perry L. Drew)
- Grade 7-8 - Aditya Dalal (Melvin H. Kreps)



Pictured from left to right are: front row - 3rd Place Chris Rosenberger, 1st Place Kiely Shuck and 1st Place Tanvi Kataria; middle row - Mayor Janice S. Mironov, 2nd Place Katherine Zajkowski, 1st Place Danielle Sunga and 2nd Place Raymond Hagymasi; back row -Health Advisory Board Chairperson Andrew Greene, Health Advisory Board Member Nancy Toledo and Health Advisory Board Student Member Kalgi Pandya.

# Mayor and Council

## Commercial Development Update

**S**hiseido America dedicated a new Solar Power System at its East Windsor facility on Princeton Hightstown Road. The new 699-kilowatt solar-electric power system installed by SunPower Corporation is one of the largest single-roof solar power systems in New Jersey. SunPower also assisted Shiseido in implementing energy-efficient lighting upgrades at the facility. Shiseido estimates that by combining improved energy efficiency with solar power, it will reduce electric utility costs by greater than 40 percent, or more than \$100,000 per year. The payback period is expected to be less than six years for equipment that will last more than 25 years. Shiseido America Inc, a subsidiary of the Japanese cosmetics corporation Shiseido Company LTD, began corporate operations in East Windsor in 1998.

Additional new tenants have been identified for the **Windsor Crossing Center**. The developer, Robertson Douglas Group, has announced new leases with **Mahzu Japanese Hibachi Restaurant**, scheduled to open in May, for 8,000 square feet of space and **The Learning Experience**, a childcare facility representing over 200 centers in 24 states and 4 countries, will occupy an 8,700 square foot freestanding building. They will join **Via Roma Restaurant**, a full service sit-down Italian restaurant that opened in December, **Gold's Gym**, that opened in January, **Garden State Community Bank**, formerly Synergy Bank, currently open in a free-standing building, and **Robertson Douglas Design Center**, which occupies the bank building second floor.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Gold's Gym. Pictured (from left to right) are: Fred Archer of Archer-Janny Enterprises; Township Mayor Janice S. Mironov; John Janny of Archer-Janny Enterprises Council Member Marsha Weinstein and Council Member Alan Rosenberg.

**Kids Preferred**, a manufacturer of children's toys, has relocated their U.S. headquarters from South Brunswick into the 51,392 square foot building at 81Twin Rivers Drive, the former Besam building. Kids Preferred brings an award winning business to East Windsor which has received recognition from trade associations for creating asthma and allergy proof toys for infants and young children. Kids Preferred started refurbishing the 51,392 square foot office/warehouse building after purchasing the property in April of last year. The company also has offices in New York City, Hong Kong and Shanghai and distributes its products throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Knowledge Beginnings Center. Pictured (from left to right) are: Deputy Mayor Perry M. Shapiro, Council Member Marsha Weinstein, Council Member Walter T. Daniels, Jr., Dariah Taormina, Executive Director of Knowledge Beginnings, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Kelsey the Knowledge Beginnings mascot, and Council Member Hector I. Duke

**Knowledge Beginnings Learning Center** opened a new 8,900 square foot center in January at the intersection of Old Trenton Road and Princeton-Hightstown Road. The center's hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays. The center provides child care, enrichment experiences for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years, and includes a secured outdoor playground for the children. Knowledge Beginnings also operates a center in Princeton, and is owned and operated by Portland, Oregon-based Knowledge Learning Corporation, the nation's leading private provider of early childhood education and care. Knowledge Learning Centers comprises approximately 1,900 community-based centers in 38 states and the District of Columbia serving more than 200,000 children and employing approximately 41,000 people.



## Mayor and Council

### New Businesses

**Pawz & Clawz Grooming** opened in December in the Carduner Center located at the intersection of Route 130 and Princeton-Hightstown Road. Pawz & Clawz Grooming is operated by Chuck and Susan Cole, who previously operated a mobile pet grooming service for customers in Mercer and Burlington Counties. Pawz & Clawz Grooming also provides pick-up and delivery services for its customers.

**All-Star Subs and Deli** opened in December. The deli is located on Route 33 West, in the vicinity of Airport Road. All-Star Subs and Deli, operated by Richard Kerr, employs seven people and offers meats, imported cheeses and Italian breads. The Deli serves breakfast and lunch and provides catering services.



East Windsor Township Mayor Janice S. Mironov attended the grand opening of All-Star Subs and Deli. Pictured from left to right are: front row Council Member Hector Duke; Council Member Alan Rosenberg; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; owner Richard Kerr; Deputy Mayor Walter Daniels; Council Member Marsha Weinstein, along with All-Star Subs and Deli employees left to right: back row Dick Simmons, Ricky Kerr, and Sandy Kerr.

**The Acupuncture and Herbal Health Center** opened on Maple Stream Road in the Chicken Holiday Plaza Shopping Center off Route 130 South. The Center is operated by long-time East Windsor resident Stephen Biggers, a Certified Acupuncturist in New Jersey and New York. Mr. Biggers' goal is to bring a new dimension of health care to the community with emphasis on Integrative Healing.

### Township Business Directory Website

The East Windsor Township Economic Development Committee has launched a 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.east-windsorbusiness.org](http://www.east-windsorbusiness.org). The website also includes a calendar of events of interest to the business community and helpful links.

A new **Pak Mail Store**, the first in New Jersey, was opened by Michael Baskin in the Town Center Plaza. There are 375 Pak Mail stores nationwide. Pak Mail specializes in shipping and packing packages, and carries a full collection of moving, packing and shipping supplies. Pak Mail offers crating, custom packing and specialty shipping, local pick up and delivery, plus Pak Mail will offer 24 hour mailboxes and uses all carriers such as UPS, DHL and Fed -Ex for domestic and international shipping.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov (center) cuts the ribbon at the new Pak Mail Store. Pictured from left to right are: Pak Mail employee Judy Gorelick, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and Pak Mail Store owner Mike Baskin.

**Pasaa'ge Kitchens and Bath** opened in February in the new DeGeorge Building on Route 33 (between the Prestige Diner and PNC Bank). Pasaa'ge Kitchens and Baths, which offers European designed and manufactured bathroom accessories and customized kitchens, grew out of the home remodeling business started by owners Lilia and Youri Nazarov in 2001.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Pasaa'ge Kitchens and Baths. Pictured from left to right are: Owner Youri Nazarov; employee Regina Alkalay; owner Lilia Nazarov; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro; Council Member Marsha Weinstein and Council Member Hector Duke.

# Police Department

## Township’s 2008 Bike Safety Program

Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Members of Township Council will sponsor a 2008 Bicycle Safety Program, funded by a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The 2008 Bike Safety Program is comprised of three phases.

**Phase I** of the program involves the distribution of bicycle helmets, free of charge to young residents under the age of 17, at the Municipal Building during May. Specific dates and times will be provided on the Township website and local channel 27.

**Phase II** of the program provides the opportunity for young Township residents to win prizes in a drawing held at the East Windsor National Night Out on August 5. Entry forms are available from Township Elected Officials, police officers or at the Municipal Clerk’s Office during June and July. Township youth are required to sign a pledge to use safety helmets when riding bikes, skateboarding, rollerblading, etc.



**Phase III** of the program involves the distribution of bike lights to Township residents of any age. Township residents can obtain bike light sets at no costs during August at the Township Police Building. Lights must be used at night and early morning hours.

## MAY is Bike Safety Month

Bicycle helmets should be used by everyone, as helmets have been shown to reduce head injuries by 85%. New Jersey law states that **anyone under the age of 17** riding a bike, even as a passenger, a skateboard or rollerblading, must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet. The directions that come with the helmet should be carefully read, as you may need to adjust the straps or use the extra padding that comes with the helmet to ensure a proper fit.

Anyone who violates this law will be warned of the violation by the police department. The parent or legal guardian of the person also may be fined up to \$25 for the first offense and up to \$100 for a subsequent offense.

## Township Promotes Gun Safety

East Windsor Township Mayor and Council sponsored a Gun Safety Program by which gun locks were distributed, free of charge, to any Township resident. The pro-active initiative was funded through Project ChildSafe, the nation’s largest firearms safety program, sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council sponsored a Gun Safety Program by distributing gun locks free of charge to Township residents. Pictured from left to right are: Lt. Todd Hoagland, Chief of Police William Spain, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro and Lt. James Monahan.

## National Night Out August 5

Mark your calendars! National Night Out will be held this year on Tuesday, August 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the East Windsor Police Building, 80 One Mile Road. This popular event will include opportunities to meet Mayor Janice Mironov and local elected officials, Police Chief William Spain and Township police officers. The evening will feature lots of fun and games, as well as educational opportunities.

## Township Receives Homeland Security Grant

The Township received an \$11,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The grant will provide a state-of-the-art portable video surveillance system for use by the Township’s police department. The equipment awarded to the Township under this grant is a fully digital multi-camera wireless video recording system. Video surveillance systems are useful in the investigation of incidents, including illegal dumping, illegal hunting, trespass and graffiti, in various areas of the Township. This grant includes the award of the equipment and training on the use of the video system.



## Police Department

### East Windsor Township Participates in Womanspace 2007 Communities of Light

In the early evening hours of December 16, 2007, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Walter T. Daniels, Township Staff, Police Department Staff, Domestic Violence Victims Response Team Members and members of the Township community assembled at the East Windsor Township Municipal Building to participate in Womanspace's 2007 "Communities of Light" program.

"Communities of Light" is a project sponsored by Womanspace, the domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Mercer County, to raise awareness about the plight of victims of interpersonal violence. East Windsor Township participated in this important program by lighting up the Township's Municipal Building with luminary kits purchased with private donations from Womanspace.

### East Windsor Township Crime Watch Group

Crime Watch is a collaborative effort between East Windsor Township residents and the Township Police Department. The Crime Watch Group meets regularly and is intended to keep residents informed and alert to activities within their neighborhoods. The Crime Watch Group is always seeking new volunteers to contribute towards keeping East Windsor a safe place to live and work. Regularly scheduled meetings take place on the last Monday of each month at the Township Police Department. For more information, contact Detective Joseph Gorski at 448-5678 ext. 231.

### 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 East Windsor 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.

### Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Volunteers Needed

The East Windsor Police Department, in collaboration with Womanspace, Inc., is recruiting volunteers for the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. The team members work in conjunction with the police department to provide support, information and referrals at the time of a domestic violence crisis.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, have access to transportation, possess a valid drivers license, be willing to serve a minimum of six 12-hour shifts per month and submit to background investigations, including fingerprinting. An 80-hour mandatory training course will be provided to successful applicants. An understanding of domestic violence issues and bilingual skills are pluses.

Interested citizens should contact Lieutenant James Brady at 448-5678 ext. 228. Applications are available for pick up at anytime at the East Windsor Police Department, at 80 One Mile Road.



### Proper use of the 911 Emergency Phone System

Medical emergencies, serious in-progress crimes or incidents, or fear of imminent threat are examples of when to use the 911 system. For past tense or non-emergency incidents, residents should dial 448-5678 and then press "0" at the voicemail greeting to speak with the police operator.

In the event that you or your child accidentally dial 911, do not hang up, but rather stay on the line and follow the instructions of the 911 operator. In all accidental 911 calls, the police will respond to your residence to verify the call.

A friendly reminder to all residents is that the 911 system was placed in service to decrease the time necessary for police response in a true emergency. The proper use of this critically important communications system will assist your police department in helping you.

## Public Works

### Trash Collection

**2008 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
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 26, 2008
INDEPENDENCE DAY	FRIDAY	JULY 4, 2008
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 1, 2008
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY	OCTOBER 13, 2008
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 27, 2008
THANKSGIVING FRIDAY	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 28, 2008
CHRISTMAS	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 25, 2008
NEW YEARS DAY	THURSDAY	JANUARY 1, 2009
<b>WATCH FOR YOUR NEW GARBAGE DISTRICT DIRECTORY</b>		

### Recycling Collection Schedule

Recycling dates for 2008 are as follows:

#### AREA #1

Apr 9 & 23 May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18 July 2, 16 & 30  
 Aug 13 & 27 Sept 10 & 24 Oct 8 & 22 Nov 5 & 19  
 Dec 3, 17 & 31

#### AREA #2

April 6 & 30 May 14 & 28 June 11 & 25 July 9 & 23  
 Aug 6 & 20 Sept 3 & 17 Oct 1, 15 & 29 Nov 12 & 26  
 Dec 10 & 24

Use the street index in the Garbage District Flyer to determine your route area.

### Winter Potholes

Each year the winter freezing and thawing causes potholes to pop up around the region. The Township road crews work hard to repair these potholes, but may miss some from time to time. If a pothole appears on your street, contact Public Works at 443-4000 ext 215 to report the problem. The road crews will make every attempt to correct the situation as soon as possible. Please be aware that since asphalt plants close during the winter months and freezing weather, we can only make temporary repairs. In the spring, the crews will return to make more permanent repairs.

### Hazardous Waste Days

Mercer County will be holding hazardous waste collection days at the Dempster Fire Academy on June 28 and October 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 278-8086 or visit [www.mcia-nj.com](http://www.mcia-nj.com)

### Storm Water Management

Stricter stormwater regulations have been implemented in New Jersey. East Windsor, like all other municipalities, is required to implement and enforce these regulations locally. Stormwater clean-up continues to be a major priority of the State and one that will benefit everyone.

The Township is working hard to implement all of the mandated stormwater regulations, and needs the help of every resident to be effective. Here are some ways residents can assist:

- 1.) Do not dispose of any materials by placing them in storm drains. Many people believe that these drains go to water treatment plants; however, they do not. Stormwater drains flow directly into rivers and streams without treatment.
- 2.) When placing trash, yard waste or leaves out for disposal, place them at least 15 feet away from storm drains and not directly uphill from the drains.
- 3.) Do not throw litter into the streets or wash debris from yards or driveways into the street.
- 4.) Do not dispose of pet waste in storm drains. This is a serious form of water pollution and can result in pet owners being fined.

# Fire and Rescue

## Firefighters of the Year

East Windsor Township Mayor Janice Mironov proclaimed Fire Prevention Week, October 7 - 13, and recognized Volunteer Firefighters of the Year, **Kevin Brink** for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No.1, and **Bonnie Rashkin** for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 for their tireless dedication to duty, faithful service and numerous contributions to the community.

Kevin Brink, who currently serves as Assistant Fire Chief, joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 in 1982. He has held every fire officer position including Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy Chief and the administrative position of trustee, and served as Fire Chief for a total of 8 years, the longest serving Chief of Fire Company No. 1. Kevin Brink, Fire Marshall for East Windsor Township, also currently holds the positions of Chief of Washington Township Fire Department, and Assistant Fire Marshall and Fire Academy Instructor for Mercer County.

Bonnie Rashkin, an active member of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 since 1995, and the top responder for the past 5 years, has held the position of Lieutenant for 4 years, Treasurer for 6 years, Secretary for 2 years, and has served as Captain since 2005. Bonnie Rashkin has actively participated in the purchases and planning for the Company's operations, and makes a significant contribution through community programs for fire prevention and education to school children and many other community activities including the annual Halloween Party and Parade, Twin Rivers Day celebrations and the Township National Night Out.



Mayor Mironov honors Firefighters of the Year. Pictured left to right are: Eric Coran, President, Fire Company No. 2; Kevin Brink, Fire Company No. 1 Firefighter of the Year; Barry Rashkin, Chief, Volunteer Fire Company No. 2; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Marvin Lesser, President, Fire Company No. 1; Bonnie Rashkin, Fire Company No. 2 Firefighter of the Year and Jim McCann, Chief, Fire Company No. 1.



## East Windsor Rescue Squad District II to Hold Open House

On Sunday, May 18 East Windsor Rescue Squad District II will be hosting an open house from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free food and games, CPR demonstrations and tours of the emergency vehicles. You can meet your neighbors who are out there helping you. Area residents are invited to come out and see what the real ER is like.



## East Windsor Rescue Squad District 1 to Host Teen Dance Nights

East Windsor Rescue Squad District 1 will be hosting Teen Dance Nights on Friday, April 18, April 25, May 2 and May 9 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The dances are for students ages 13 to 17. There is a \$5 admission fee and **you must have a valid school ID**. The music genre will be Top 40, R&B and Pop and Dance. For more information visit [www.club-142.com](http://www.club-142.com) or call 448-6321.

**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	<a href="http://www.ewvfc1.org">www.ewvfc1.org</a>
District 1 Rescue	448-5678	<a href="http://www.squad142.com">www.squad142.com</a>
Fire Company No. 2	443-5130	<a href="http://www.ewvfc2.org">www.ewvfc2.org</a>
District II Rescue	448-8992	<a href="http://www.squad146.com">www.squad146.com</a>





## Recreation



### 2008 Summer Recreation Camp Programs

- **Sunny Day Camp**

For students entering Kindergarten and 1st Grades, this camp will be held at the Black and Drew Elementary Schools. Program activities include games, sports, swimming, arts and crafts, weekly trips, and special events.

- **Recreation Day Camp**

For students entering 2nd - 6th Grades, this camp will be held at the Black and Drew Elementary Schools. Program activities include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and weekly trips.

- **Intermediate Day Camp**

For students entering 7th - 8th Grades, this camp will be held at the Kreps Middle School. Program activities include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and trips each week.

- **Junior Travel Camp**

Held at beautiful Etra Lake Park for students entering 3rd - 6th Grades. Campers go on a different trip each day. Trips include Medieval Times, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Great Adventure and to Broadway to see "Little Mermaid". Space is limited!

- **Senior Travel Camp-**

Held at Hightstown High School for students entering 7th - 10th Grades. Campers will go on a different trip each day. Trips include Washington D.C., Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Cape May Whale Watch and to Broadway to see "Grease" and "Wicked". Space is limited!

- **Camp Care**

Before and after care will also be available for participants in the Sunny Day, Recreation Day, Intermediate Day, and Junior Travel Camps

- **Mad Science Camp**

Held at Etra Lake Park August 18 to 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for children entering grades 1-5. Throughout the week, brave young astronauts will explore the mysteries of the planets and stars. Campers will discover not only how astronauts get into space, but also how they live and work once they get there. They will learn about gravity, propulsion and the basics of rocket science through fun, hands-on activities.

### 2008 Summer Sports Camps

- **US Sports Institute Multi Sports Camp**

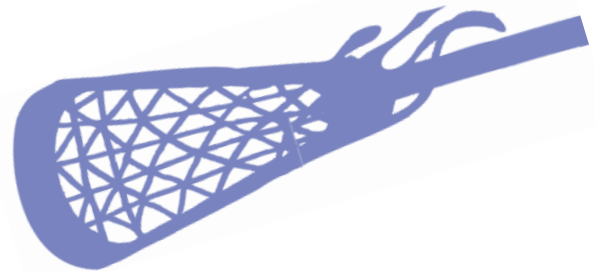
Half day camp (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) for children ages 5-7, full day (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) for children ages 7-14 and the Sports Squirts Camp (4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) for children ages 3-5. Campers will learn about 15 different sports throughout the week. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.

- **Agility & CORE Training**

Students entering grades 9-12. Campers will gain a competitive advantage in your sport through better agility, balance, coordination, core strength and explosiveness. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.

- **Indoor Field Hockey**

Students entering grades 5-8 and 9-12. These two separate programs are designed to help individuals improve their stick handling and gives an opportunity to try the skills practiced in a scrimmage setting. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.



- **Indoor Girls' Lacrosse**

Students entering grades 7-12. The lacrosse program is designed to help athletes acquire and master fundamental stick skills. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.



- **Outdoor Field Hockey**

Students entering grades 8-12. This program is designed to introduce and polish individual skills. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.

## Recreation

### Phillies vs. Mets

The Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to Citizen Bank Park in Philadelphia to see the Philadelphia Phillies take on the New York Mets on Monday, July 7. Coach bus will leave from the Senior Center at 5 p.m. Cost will be \$25 per ticket and includes transportation. Tickets are limited, so contact the Recreation Department to reserve your seats.

### After School Program

The East Windsor Recreation Department offers a variety of different programs for children in Kindergarten - 8th Grades. Programs are held in the Black School, Drew School, McKnight School, Rogers School and Kreps Middle School. Listed below are some of the programs that will be offered.

- **Babysitter Training Classes**

This program is being offered in cooperation with the Mercer County 4-H Club. The program is open to students in grades 6-8. The course will be held at the Kreps Middle School. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.

- **Mad Science**

This hands-on science program enables students to have fun as they learn about various aspects of science. Some classes will include a take home project!

- **Learning to Draw and More**

This drawing based program will provide children with the opportunity to engage in various age-appropriate craft activities and projects within a social setting. This course will give each child a chance to explore their creative side in a nurturing atmosphere.

- **Computer Explorers**

Students will participate in the nationally acclaimed technology classes that introduce the concepts of engineering and robotics, clay animation and movie making. Students work "hands-on" to build projects and compete in fun challenges.

### Youth Sports Programs



- **Golf Lessons**

Golf lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center and will be taught by P.G.A. professional Rick Bichsel. The lessons will be held on Thursday's at 4:15 p.m. and will continue for four weeks beginning on April 24.



- **Tennis Lessons**

Tennis lessons for students in Grades 3 - 8 will be conducted at Wiltshire Park and instructed by Mr. Paul Sing. The lessons will be held on Saturday mornings and will continue for six weeks beginning on April 12.



- **Bowling**

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

### Volunteer for East Windsor 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](http://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 website 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.

## Senior Center

### East Windsor Senior Center

Visit the East Windsor Township Senior Center located at 40 Lanning Blvd. 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 Township or Hightstown Borough.



### Programs and Activities at the Senior Center include:

- Blood Pressure screenings first Monday
- Exercise Mondays thru Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- T'ai Chi Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Ballroom Dancing Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Bingo- Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- Prize Bingo-First Monday each 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



*Senior citizens enjoy a game of Bingo.*

### Senior Citizen Photo Identification Day

East Windsor Township Mayor Mironov and the Members of the Township Council present Photo Identification Day on Fridays, May 16, July 11 and October 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Windsor Township Senior Center. Call the center at: 371-7192.

### Community Bus Runs on Saturdays!

Residents of East Windsor Township can use the Community Bus to shop on Saturdays. The bus operates on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone wishing to use this service should contact the Senior Center at 371-7192 to schedule a pick-up time.

### Recruiting Grand-Pals

The Rogers and Black Elementary Schools are currently looking for Grand-Pals. If you are available to volunteer one hour a week, call the Senior Center.



### AARP Defensive Driving Class

This course will be offered on Monday, June 23 and Wednesday June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Senior Center. You must attend both classes in order to receive your certificate. The instructor will be Robert Davison. Upon completion of this course, students receive a "certification of completion" which when sent to their automobile insurance company, will entitle them to a 5% discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance for three years. Also a 2 point reduction on their Motor Vehicle Bureau Record will be available if applicable. Membership in AARP is not required, but students must pre-register. Cost is \$10.00. Class size is limited and the course must be taken every three years for the insurance discount.

### Mercer County Outreach Services

Mercer County Senior Outreach Aide Wilfred Jeffers is available to assist seniors with PAAD applications, Senior Gold Applications, heating 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.

### Senior Club News

If you are interested in joining the Senior Club, please contact Anna McFadden at 448-6564

The Senior Club will be having a Summer Luncheon on June 18 at the Clarksburg Inn, 465 Stage Coach Road, Clarksburg, N.J. Doors open at 12:00 noon and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.



## 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. Contact the Senior Center Office for more information.

#### Introduction to Computers and Lingo

- Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, September 3, 17, 24 and October 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Internet and E-Mail

- Fridays, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### Introduction to Word

- Fridays, August 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Introduction to Excel

- Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### Health News and Travel Websites

- Wednesdays, July 30, Aug. 6, 13 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### Internet Only

- Wednesdays, July 30, Aug. 6, 13 and 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Fridays, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3 and 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### The Maintenance and Repair of your Computer

- Wednesday, July 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

- Arts and Crafts Show - May 12-16
- Senior Citizen Prom - May
- Fourth of July Ice Cream Party - July 3
- Annual Summer Cookout - July 23
- Hawaiian Luau - August 13

### Senior Academy Events

- Stay Healthy in the Heat - Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m.
- Stroke Screenings - Tuesday, Aug. 19 9:00 a.m.
- Take Charge of Your Healthcare - Wednesday, Aug. 20 10:30 a.m.
- Spinal Screening - Monday, Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.



*Senior citizens work out in one of the daily exercise classes.*

### TRIPS:

#### Atlantic City Trips:

Dates are as follows:

- Thursday, July 10
- Thursday, August 28

The STARR Tours bus will depart the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. and will arrive at the Showboat Casino at 11:00 a.m. The bus will leave Atlantic City at 5:00 p.m. and return to the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$18.

#### Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Friday, July 18. *Let the Good Times Roll*. The cost of admission is \$51.00 and the cost of transportation is \$4.00/\$2.50 PAAD.

Friday, Sept. 19. *My Three Angels*. The cost of admission is \$46.00 and the cost of transportation is \$4.00/\$2.50 PAAD.

### Straight Talk About Breast Cancer

Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. Join us to hear the inspiring stories of five women who have been affected by breast cancer. Learn about the signs, symptoms and risk factors for breast cancer and find out how to make an early detection. It could save your life!

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS 2008

2008 East Windsor Township Council Meetings  
 East Windsor Township Municipal Building  
 Public Meeting Room  
 8:00 PM

April 22	July 22
May 6	August 5
May 20	August 19
June 10	September 9
June 24	September 23
July 8	October 7

**Meeting dates subject to change, so check with  
 Township Clerk's Office.**

## SPOTLIGHT EAST WINDSOR

**S**potlight 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 p.m. 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.

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