



East Windsor Township

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There is much talk these days in Trenton about budget cutting and “capping” property taxes (why not *reduce* property taxes). Citizens should know that this talk is highly deceptive, since **State officials are in fact the biggest driver of local municipal property taxes.**

What happened to all of the talk and promises by State officials to hold a Constitutional Convention to reform the funding of education and local government by **reducing the enormous reliance on local property taxes.** The silence from Trenton is deafening.

In East Windsor Township, the property tax bill you receive is divided and paid out to respective entities approximately as follows: 65% to the East Windsor Regional School District; 20% to Mercer County, Mercer County Open Space Fund and Mercer County Library System; and **about 13% to the East Windsor Township municipal budget.**

This year, the **State withheld \$830,000 in Energy Tax Receipt (ETR) funds** that belong to East Windsor. The ETR was designed to replace the property tax in those communities that housed exempt gas and electric utility property. This State collected tax, which was to be based on the amount of utility property in a town's borders, was not to be treated like discretionary aid, subject to political winds and economic misfortune or used by the State as part of its general fund. This State diversion has robbed East Windsor of these funds to support the local budget and reduce property taxes. Along with other mayors we have **called for full restoration of our rightful money.**

The **State requires towns to bill for and collect all property taxes** even though East Windsor keeps only 13% for our use, and hands the remainder over to the school district and county. In doing so, the **State mandates that towns maintain a Reserve for Uncollected Taxes** to guarantee 100% of tax payments. When a taxpayer successfully appeals an assessment, the **State requires that the municipality pay 100% of the refund including the taxes paid on behalf of the school district and county.** This year, the State mandated formula required East Windsor to **increase this Reserve by \$570,000 to \$1.128 Million** in light of lagging tax payments and return **\$500,000 in tax appeals refunds**, for a total increase of \$1.07 million borne by local property taxpayers.

While the State is dramatically reducing funds to municipalities and calling for tax caps, the **State binding arbitration system for police and fire unions** issues salary awards in excess of 4 percent and benefit increases and requires local property taxpayers to pay these amounts, without regard to whether the awards recognize the recessionary economic conditions or whether municipalities have the funds. In East Windsor, police related costs constitute over 40 percent of the total budget.

While the State fails to make any pension payment, in 2010 the **State required East Windsor taxpayers to pay over \$1.4 million to the State pension fund. The State has increased by another \$500,000** East Windsor's required pension payment to the State for 2011.

The **State regularly imposes unfunded mandates** on municipal governments; that is, the State makes a requirement and provides no funds, and the local property taxpayers are forced to pay the bill. These unfunded mandates range from the State imposing certification requirements on municipal staff to requiring storm drains to be labeled with decals to ordering towns to provide a costly vehicle wash for public police and emergency vehicles (a \$250,000 cost), **all State mandated costs on local taxpayers.**

The **State continues to hold in place the Council on Affordable Housing** and its housing regulations, creating huge burdens on municipalities and schools, and constituting one of the most expensive onerous burdens for local property taxpayers

This theme could go on, but you get the point. **If State officials really want to stop skyrocketing local property taxes, State officials need to put in place serious cost containment measures, stop imposing mandated costs and return to municipal governments our rightful money.**



Mayor Janice S. Mironov

Mayor and Council

“Turnpike Park” Pathway Completed

“Turnpike Park” Pathway was completed in September. The new trail, approximately ¾ of a mile long, connects “Turnpike Park”, located off of Old York Road just west of the New Jersey Turnpike, with Woods Road Community Park off of Woods Road. Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members received \$38,865 in grants from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails program to construct the new pathway.



Mayor Janice Mironov dedicated the newly opened “Turnpike Park” Pathway. Pictured (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice Mironov, Council Member Walter T. Daniels, Jr. and Council Member Perry Shapiro.

New Playing Fields Construction Continues Funded by \$1.2 Million in Grants

Construction continues, despite a harsh winter and extremely dry summer, of new playing fields at the new recreation facility on Disbrow Hill Road, across the street from Etra Lake Park. The recreational fields will consist of two softball fields, compatible for use by both adult and youth leagues with adjustable baseline dimensions, and two multipurpose soccer/lacrosse fields.

The fields have been graded and a full irrigation system and well have been installed, backstops have been erected on the softball fields, a 600 vehicle parking area is being constructed and the fields are being seeded and fertilized.

Mayor Mironov and Council Members obtained \$1.2 million in County and State grants to pay for the project, which is geared toward expanding playing facilities for local children and local sports organizations.

The new facility will be located on part of 59 acres of open space acquired by the Township with Green Acres grant funds.

Township Awards Contract for Route 33 Revitalization/Redevelopment Funded by \$100,000 Grant

Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members successfully applied for a \$100,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) for a joint revitalization/redevelopment plan with Hightstown Borough for the Route 33 corridor, from Route 130 to Summit Street, which includes the 37- acre “former Minute Maid Property”(21 acres in East Windsor and 16 acres and the former plant in Hightstown) and the Airport Road/Route 33 intersection.

The Township has awarded a contract for Professional Planning Services for the “Route 33 Corridor Revitalization/Redevelopment Plan” initiative.

The purpose of the project will be to review the current zoning and existing uses along this section of Route 33, with particular attention to the 37- acre former Minute Maid property and determine the most appropriate uses and zone changes to enhance development and redevelopment opportunities for this area. The study will also look at traffic circulation, potential roadway improvements and available infrastructure to support development, with special focus on the Route 33/Airport Road intersection.

Township Approves Additional Shared Services Agreements

Mayor Mironov and Council Members have vigorously pursued avenues to economize on expenditures and increase revenues. One such way is to enter into shared services agreements that will benefit the Township.

East Windsor has entered into two new shared services agreements. East Windsor will provide to Hightstown daytime emergency medical services. The Township will provide this service through its emergency medical services contract with Capital Health Systems. The Township also has entered into a shared services agreement with Robbinsville to provide animal control services.

East Windsor has a long standing shared services agreement with Hightstown for use of the Township Senior Center. The Township also participates in the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for insurance needs, shares a health officer and health education services with Hamilton Township, a joint fueling facility with the school district and Hightstown, has agreements with Mercer County to operate the nutrition site for senior citizens and to operate the Township’s Community Bus, and belongs to several cooperative purchasing groups.

Mayor and Council

Open Space Update

Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members have consistently maintained as a top goal expanding the Township’s preserved open space and farmland.

East Windsor is in the process of acquiring two additional open space properties and in negotiations for a third parcel. As in the past, no municipal property taxes will be used for the acquisitions. All of the purchases will be fully funded through use of State Green Acres grants, County open space municipal assistance grants and developer contributions.

The first is a 29.9 acre property located on the south side of Disbrow Hill Road directly across from Etra Lake Park, and adjacent to a 121 acre open space property off Etra Road which the Township previously acquired. The second is an approximately 40 acre property on the south side of Etra Road, located at the intersection with Cedarville Road, and in the vicinity of several other preserved open space and farmland sites. A third additional open space acquisition is being pursued on Old York Road. This property was the subject of a recently filed Green Acres application by the Township.

Additionally, in connection with these transactions, the Township will be accepting two developer donated properties on Airport Road totaling about 12 acres, the value of which is over \$1.2 million and will be used to match the Green Acres grants. These properties were donated in connection with the 53 acre housing subdivision on Airport Road, now owned and being developed by Pulte Homes.

NJ Turnpike Widening Project Update

The Turnpike widening project is well under way in East Windsor. At the completion of the project, which the State projects will be in late 2014, there will be a 12-lane dual-dual roadway from Interchange 6 to Interchange 9.



Current aerial view of Interchange 8

The Interchange 8 toll plaza and ramps will be relocated east of the Turnpike with a direct connection to Route 133, and with 12 toll booths. Milford Road will be realigned to the west at a signalized intersection with Route 33. For additional information, visit the NJ Turnpike Authority website at www.njturnpikewidening.com

Twin Rivers Drive North

Twin Rivers Drive North roadway improvements from Probasco Road to Hebron Drive were completed. The project, funded by a \$316,000 grant successfully obtained by Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, consisted of milling and resurfacing of the entire roadway, as well as repairs to curbs, driveway aprons and handicap ramps.

Cedarville Road

A project to reconstruct the entire one and one-quarter mile length of Cedarville Road from Etra Road to Windsor-Perrineville Road is expected to be completed by late fall 2010. The road will be closed to through traffic until the completion of the project.

The construction consists of full depth paving with a 5 inch new base and 2 inches of surface course as well as grading and drainage enhancements. Upon roadway work completion, new center lines and shoulder lines will be applied.

In anticipation of this roadway project, Mercer County completed work on a small County culvert at the south end of Cedarville Road. Mercer County also proceeded with work on a second and larger County culvert further north on Cedarville Road.

One Mile Road

East Windsor Township participated in a cooperative roadway program with Mercer County to resurface portions of One Mile Road from the intersection of One Mile Road and Old Trenton Road south for approximately ¼ mile and for repairs to the intersection of One Mile Road and Old Trenton Road.

The project consisted of resurfacing the roadway to improve the ride surface and perform repairs to the intersection of One Mile Road and Old Trenton Road to remove areas of standing water that often collect at the intersection. The work included milling, paving and reapplication of center lines and pavement markings.

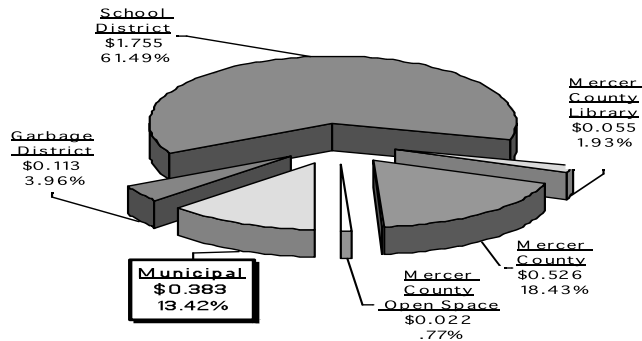
Under the cooperative agreement Mercer County provided the labor and equipment, and East Windsor paid for the materials. This partnership resulted in a substantial cost savings to the Township of about \$35,000, a 60 percent savings of the cost to perform this work if bid and done privately.

Mayor and Council

Township Reduces Spending by almost 10% Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

The total tax rate for the residents of East Windsor Township in 2010 is \$ 2.854 per \$100 of assessed valuation [\$2.741 without Garbage District], as illustrated on the pie chart below. This year's tax rate reflects the new valuation base of \$2,862,538,306.00 resulting from the recently completed Township-wide revaluation.

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 Grades 3-5 received Mayoral Certificates of Recognition and gift certificates to Barnes and Nobles, donated by corporate sponsor Shiseido America.



At \$0.383, the Township's share of the total property tax bill is 13.42%. East Windsor reduced spending by almost 10% to offset severe revenue losses due to the recession.

First place winners pictured (from left to right) are: back row - Byron Ruf, Perry L. Drew School (Grade 3-5); Mia Kennedy, Ethel McNight School (Grade 3-5); Mayor Janice Mironov; Angelina Caruso, Grace N. Rogers School (Grade 3-5); Aayush Gupta, Walter C. Black School (Grade K-2); Ishika Rai, Perry L Drew School (Grade K-2); front row - Anjali Rabindran, Grace N. Rogers School (Grade K-2); Kael McCarthy, Ethel McKnight School (Grade K-2) and Kevin Sun, Walter C. Black School (Grade 3-5).

Almost the entire Township municipal tax increase is caused by State-driven factors, including State officials keeping \$830,000 of East Windsor energy tax receipts and over \$1 million price tag for State mandated increase in reserve for uncollected taxes and 2009 tax appeal refunds.

1ST PLACE WINNERS

Grade K-2 – Aayush Gupta (Walter C. Black School); Ishika Rai (Perry L. Drew School); Kael McCarthy (Ethel McKnight School) and Anjali Rabindran (Grace N. Rogers School)

The Township Council does not establish and has no control over the other 82.62% of your tax bill. These taxes are collected for Mercer County and the East Windsor Regional School District. The three taxes collected for Mercer County are the County Tax (\$0.526) which is 18.43% of the total tax rate, Library Tax (\$0.055) which is 1.93% of the total tax rate, and Open Space Tax (\$0.022) which is .77% of the total tax rate. The School District Tax (\$1.755) constitutes 61.49% of the total tax rate.

Grade 3-5 – Kevin Sun (Walter C. Black School); Byron Ruf (Perry L. Drew School); Mia Kennedy (Ethel McKnight School) and Angelina Caruso (Grace N. Rogers School)

2ND PLACE WINNERS

Grade K-2 – Aadarsh Ramakrishnan (Walter C. Black School); Rajiv Srinath (Perry L. Drew School); Maeve McGowan (Ethel McKnight School) and Andrew Mazurek (Grace N. Rogers School)

The Garbage District tax rate remains basically flat at \$0.113, which is 3.96% of the total tax rate. The Twin Rivers Planned Unit Development, all private communities, and all apartment complexes do **not** pay the Garbage District Tax, since they have private haulers for garbage collection.

Grade 3-5 – Claire Anders (Walter C. Black School); Ananya Ramachandran (Perry L. Drew School); David Harrington (Ethel McKnight School) and Tommy Cesard (Grace N. Rogers School)

3RD PLACE WINNERS

Grade K-2 – Milee Patel (Walter C. Black School) and Anness Acharya (Perry L. Drew School)

Grade 3-5 – Saiashwarya Sanchula (Walter C. Black School); Shreya Shah (Perry L. Drew School) and Ramya Yamarthy (Grace N. Rogers School)

Mayor and Council

New Businesses

U-Save Cleaners opened in the Carduner Center at the corner of Princeton-Hightstown Road and Route 130 South. The new cleaners will serve as a drop-off and pick-up location with all professional dry cleaning and laundering services performed at the owner’s Hamilton facility. Clothing alteration is also provided on site.



Pictured (left to right) are: Council Members Perry Shapiro and Hector Duke, Mayor Janice Mironov, owner Paul Zheng, store manager GiGi Mills and Sindy Zheng, sister of the owner.

Tom Yum Goong II, located in the East Windsor Village Shopping Center on Princeton-Hightstown Road adjacent to Radio Shack, has opened. Owner Somm Bolsue operated Tom Yum Goong I Restaurant on Nassau Street in Princeton. The new 3,100 square foot restaurant seats 68 persons, serves authentic Thai cuisine and is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice Mironov (center); Tom Yum Goong II restaurant owner Somm Bolsue, and Council Member Perry Shapiro (behind Mr. Bolsue), surrounded by the staff of Tom Yum Goong II.

Cold Stone Creamery has reopened under new ownership in the East Windsor Village Shopping Center. The local ice cream franchise continues to offer the Cold Stone Creamery brand of unique ice cream creations with mix-ins, as well as smoothies, cakes and shakes.

The newly reconstructed **PNC Bank** has opened in the Windsor-Hights Shopping Center on Route 130 South. The new 3,710 square foot branch is a LEED®-certified “green” facility with an energy efficient design.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Josephine Brigman, Sales and Service Support Manager for Central Jersey, PNC Bank; Liz Tindall, Vice President, Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce; Matthew Hanson, Assistant Branch Manager, PNC Bank; Nichole Ribeiro, Vice President/Branch Manager, PNC Bank; Mayor Janice Mironov; Patrick Galager, Sales and Service Manager for Mercer South, PNC Bank; Council Members Perry Shapiro and Hector Duke.

Sabrina Pizza has opened in the Windsor Hights Shopping Center located at the intersection of Route 130 southbound and Princeton Hightstown Road, in the same location as the former Dante’s Pizza. Maurizio Capuano, the new owner, named the establishment after his daughter.

Sprint, a cellular mobile telephone provider, has opened in the Windsor Hights Shopping Center located at the corner of Route 130 and 571. The new store occupies a 1,766 square foot space between Fitness Zone and Best Cuts Hair Salon.

Medwell Internal Medicine has opened in the WaWa Shopping Center on Hickory Corner Road, just west of Route 130. Dr. Indira Madapati, an Internist, opened this new 1,125 square foot office which includes office space, waiting room, reception office and three exam rooms.

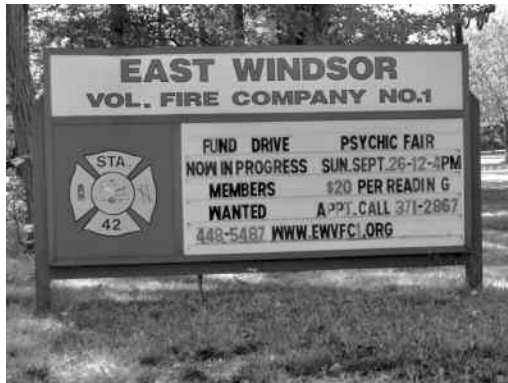
Hot Peppers opened in the Windsor Crossing Shopping Center. Hot Peppers serves Indian cuisine and provides both eat-in and take-out services. The restaurant is adjacent to Villa Roma Restaurant.

Nicolina Ristorante restaurant and pizzeria opened in the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center on Route 130 south in the space previously occupied by Atlanta Bread Company.

Mayor and Council

Fire Company No. 1 Receives Federal Grant

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 was awarded a \$50,160 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness/FEMA, under the FY2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. The grant will be used for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the Company's volunteer firefighters. Specifically, the funds will be used to purchase turn-out gear to be worn when responding to and entering a site.



Rescue Squad No. 1 Receives Federal Grant

East Windsor Rescue Squad, District I was awarded a \$22,990 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness/FEMA, under the FY2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.



Specifically, the grant funds will be used to purchase new stretchers for Township ambulances and for the procurement of notebook computers. The new stretchers will replace existing stretchers that are near the end of their useful life. The purchase of notebook computers will assist the East Windsor Rescue Squad, District I in its transition to digital patient charts and records.

Township Participates in Clean Energy Programs

The Township participated in the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy, Direct Install Program for energy efficient improvements for the municipal building and the police/court building. The program involved the installation of occupancy sensors, compact fluorescent light (CFL) lamps, exit signs and small fans and pumps.

The total annual savings from the improvements are estimated to be over \$18,000. Sixty percent of the \$68,342.77 cost of the project will be paid for by the Direct Install Program. By participating in the program, the Township will be eligible for a grant of \$20,000 under the State's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program, resulting in a Township cost of only \$7,193.11.

The Township had previously participated in a free energy audit by PSE&G that resulted in energy efficient upgrades to lighting at municipal buildings. PSE&G has provided funding for 80% of the cost to upgrade the fixtures to new energy-efficient bulbs and ballasts.

Shiseido Installs Solar Panels

Shiseido America has completed a project using solar energy to generate about 80 percent of the energy needed to operate its facility located on Princeton-Hightstown Road. The Township Planning Board approved the installation of 3,470 solar panels on the company's property. The project consisted of installation of a ground-mounted system of solar panels and an 8-foot high chain-link fence and is fully buffered and landscaped. Shiseido had previously installed 3,322 solar panels on the roof of their facility.

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. 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.

Mayor and Council

2010 Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Volunteer Award Presented to Isabel Sefton

The 2010 Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer was presented to Isabel Sefton. Ms. Sefton, a 90 year old resident of Meadow Lakes, has continuously worked on behalf of the residents of the health care unit of Meadow Lakes. Isabel initiated a program called “push overs”, which pairs volunteers with patients confined to wheel chairs, escorting them to the auditorium where they can enjoy the entertainment. Isabel also started the “Bijou Theater”, which uses talents and interesting life stories of residents, entertaining the men and women of the health care section. Isabel was the recipient of the Shackleton Award, which is given to staff and residents of Meadow Lakes who go over and above their day to day responsibilities.

The Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer, presented annually by East Windsor Township, recognizes a senior citizen who has exhibited outstanding service through volunteerism to the community by way of schools, religious institutions, service organizations or directly to the public. Sylvia Weiss is a former East Windsor Township Council Member, past Council senior citizen advisor and chairperson of the Commission on Aging and was instrumental in the original formation of the senior citizen program. The Selection Committee included Council Member Walter T. Daniels, Jr. and Commission on Aging Chairperson Ondina Jeffers.



Mayor Janice Mironov presents Isabel Sefton with the 2010 “Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer”. Pictured (from left to right) are: Sylvia Weiss; Isabel Sefton, recipient of the Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer Mayor Janice Mironov and Ondina Jeffers, Commission on Aging Chairperson.

2010 Community Events Sponsors

East Windsor Township thanks the following community businesses for sponsoring the 2010 Community Events.

PLATINUM SUPPORTER

Verizon

Walmart

TD Bank

PNC Bank

SILVER SUPPORTER

Shiseido America

East Windsor Farmers Market

Conair

RK Berman Windsor Corporate Park

MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR

John Mayorek

Corner Copia

Silver Decoy Winery

Holiday Inn

SPONSOR

Hovione LLC

Saker Shop Rite

Moe's/Windsor Green Cleaners

Sushi King

Local business owners who would like to become a community partner can contact the Recreation Department at 443-4000 ext. 225.

Princeton Junction Shuttle Bus

The Township awarded a contract to George Dapper, Inc. to operate the Township shuttle bus service to and from the Princeton Junction Train Station. The contract is awarded on a yearly basis, and this is the third year in a row that a company has underbid the current operator resulting in lower operating costs for the Township. The East Windsor Shuttle Bus program, as well as the Township Community Bus program, is underwritten by annual grants from the Federal Transportation Administration and NJ Transit in the amount of \$150,000. Schedules and additional information on both transportation services can be accessed at the Township's website at www.east-windsor.nj.us.

Police Department

Join East Windsor Township Crime Watch Group

The East Windsor Township Crime Watch Group is a collaborative effort between Township residents and members of the 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 police building.

For more information, please contact Detective Joseph Gorski at 448-5678, extension 231.

Volunteer for Domestic Violence Victim Response Team

The Police Department, in collaboration with Womanspace, Inc., is currently recruiting volunteers for a domestic violence victim response team. The team members will work in conjunction with the police to provide support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis.

Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, have access to transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve a minimum of six 12-hour shifts per month, and submit to a background investigation, including fingerprinting. An 80-hour mandatory training course will be provided to successful applicants. An understanding of domestic violence issues is a plus, as is bilingual capability.

Interested citizens should contact Detective Joseph Gorski of the East Windsor Police, at (609) 448-5678, extension 231.

Child Car Safety Seat Inspection

Did you know that over 90% of all child car 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; not using or incorrectly using a locking clip; using a recalled seat; or placing a child in front of an airbag. Your child's safety is our concern, so let a trained child seat technician from the Township police department check for proper installation. It is simple and free. Call 448-5678 ext. 0 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 for current licenses for all dogs residing in each residence.

Fall Rabies Clinics

The Township Animal Control Unit has scheduled the fall dates for the 2010 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.



Saturday, November 6

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

Saturday, November 13

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2010

2010 East Windsor Township Council Meetings
East Windsor Township Municipal Building
Public Meeting Room 8:00 PM

November 3 and 15
December 7 and 21

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
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 6, 2010
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY	OCTOBER 11, 2010
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 25, 2010
THANKSGIVING FRIDAY	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 26, 2010
CHRISTMAS DAY	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24, 2010
NEW YEARS DAY 2011	FRIDAY	DECEMBER 31, 2010
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	MONDAY	JANUARY 17, 2011
PRESIDENTS DAY	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 21, 2011
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 30, 2011
THE GARBAGE DISTRICT DIRECTORY IS FOUND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE		

Recycling Collection

Recycling dates for 2010/2011 are as follows:

AREA #1

Oct 6&20	Nov 3&17	Dec 1&15&29			
Jan 12&26	Feb 9&23	Mar 9&22	Apr 6&20	May 4&18	Jun 1&15&29

AREA #2

Sept 1&15&29	Oct 13&27	Nov 10& 24	Dec 8&22		
Jan 5&19	Feb 2&16	Mar 2&16&30	Apr 13&27	May 11&25	Jun 8&22

All dates are Wednesdays - Use the street index, found in the Garbage District Directory or at the Township website, to determine your route number.

CHIPPING IS NOT DONE BETWEEN OCTOBER 04 AND DECEMBER 31. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Once the Leaf Collection Program begins on October 4, 2010, curbside wood chipping is suspended until the Leaf Collection Program is completed. Chipping will resume on your bulk day beginning in January. Thank you for your understanding of the necessity for storing these materials during this time.

NO BRUSH SHOULD BE PLACED OUT FOR COLLECTION AFTER SEPTEMBER 30

Beginning in January chipping will resume. Service will begin on the same day as your bulk pick up and continue through Friday if required. Each resident will receive one pick up only during each month. Once your chipping has been picked up, we will not return until the following month. Please refer to the Street Index for your bulk day.

Public Works

Township Computer Recycling Service

Mayor Mironov and Council have developed a partnership with Goodwill Industries and Dell to offer an on-going drop-off service locally which enables citizens to dispose of used and unneeded computer equipment in a “green” manner. The ‘Reconnect’ partnership offers an easy, convenient and responsible way to recycle used computers and equipment, any brand and any condition, while supporting the good works of Goodwill Industries, putting people to work. Residents can drop off their computer equipment Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm during regular business days at the Township public works facility located at the corner of Ward Street and Etra Road. Goodwill staff will provide donation receipts.



The types of equipment accepted for drop-off are any desktop or laptop computers, monitors, printers, scanners, hard drives (external or internal), keyboards, mice, speakers, cords and cables, ink and toner cartridges and software. **Note: Radios and televisions are not eligible.**

LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Township’s leaf collection program begins on Monday October 4 and ends on Wednesday, December 29. The program plan is divided into Area I and Area II for scheduled pickup. Please refer to the street index, found in the Garbage District Directory or at the Township website to determine your area.

*****NEW SCHEDULE*****

PASS #1

Area 1	Starts	Monday, October 4, 2010	Ends Saturday, October 9, 2010
Area 2	Starts	Monday, October 11, 2010	Ends Saturday, October 16, 2010

PASS #2

Area 1	Starts	Monday, October 18, 2010	Ends Saturday, November 6, 2010
Area 2	Starts	Monday, November 1, 2010	Ends Saturday, November 13, 2010

PASS #3

Area 1	Starts	Monday, November 15, 2010	Ends Saturday, November 20, 2010
Area 2	Starts	Monday, November 22, 2010	Ends Saturday, November 27, 2010

PASS #4

Area 1	Starts	Monday, November 29, 2010	Ends Saturday, December 4, 2010
Area 2	Starts	Monday, December 6, 2010	Ends Saturday, December 11, 2010

Final Pass - One final pass through will be made through the whole Township between December 12 and 30. 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 2010.

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, 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, understand that snow plowing is difficult. For your safety and the safety of the plow operators, 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.

Fire and Rescue

EMT's of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov proclaimed Emergency Medical Services Week and recognized and honored **Elizabeth Creed**, East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 EMT of the Year and **Dan Burak**, East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II EMT of the Year.

Elizabeth Creed first joined East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 in 1998. Elizabeth thereafter earned her Emergency Medical Technician certification, and later earned several other certifications, including: incident command system, hazardous materials operations, advanced vehicle rescue, incident safety officer and CPR instructor. Elizabeth Creed has held multiple positions within the East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1, including: Safety Officer, Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy Chief, all while serving as an active crew chief on both the ambulance and the rescue unit. Mayor Mironov in a proclamation praised Elizabeth Creed stating, "Elizabeth Creed's hard work, dedication, and constant enthusiasm, as demonstrated through her countless hours of service and contributions, have earned her the respect of all members of East Windsor Rescue Squad, District I and the entire community."

Dan Burak joined East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II in November 2008, quickly becoming involved in the maintenance and upkeep of the emergency vehicles, and as Vehicle Engineer developed a preventative maintenance program assuring the vehicles would be available for use when needed. Dan quickly rose through the ranks to the position of Captain and First Responder in January 2010. Mayor Mironov in a proclamation praised Dan Burak stating, "Dan Burak's great efforts and dedication to East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II have been a tremendous asset to the organization and have earned him much respect from all members of East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II and the entire community."



Community Blood Drive

East Windsor Rescue Squad District II will be partnering with the Community Blood Council of New Jersey to host a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To make an appointment, call 448-8992 and leave a message. Walk-ins are welcome. Your donation will save lives! The event will take place at the squad building located on Twin Rivers Drive (behind the firehouse).

Fire Company and Rescue Squad Officers

- Fire Company 1: President – Carl Dye
Chief – Kevin Brink
- Fire Company 2: President – Mark Cohen
Chief – Barry Rashkin
- Rescue Squad 1: President – Michael Quinn
Chief – Scott Prykanowski
- Rescue Squad 2: President - Les Rudnick
Chief – Tristan Torres



Pictured (from left to right) are: East Windsor Rescue Squad, District I Chief Scott Prykanowski; Elizabeth Creed, East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 1 EMT of the Year; Mayor Janice Mironov; Dan Burak, East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II EMT of the Year and East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II Chief Tristan Torres.

Volunteer for Township Fire Companies or Rescue Squads

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 1 448-6321 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 McKnight and Black Schools. Activities included swimming, outdoor games, and crafts. The highlight of each week was a trip to popular destinations such as Bounce U and Gigglesberry Fair.

Children in Grades 2-6 attended the Recreation Day Camps held at the McKnight and Black Schools. Activities included arts and crafts, organized sports, special events and various games. The campers also went swimming and on weekly bus trips to places like Jenkinson’s Boardwalk and Medieval Times.

The Travel Camp was busy every day with trips to such places as Hershey Park, Dorney Park, deep-sea fishing and laser tag.

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.

2011 Summer Camp Registration

2011 Summer Camp registration will open for Township residents on Monday, March 7. Registration forms will be available on the Township website at www.east-windsor.nj.us (click on Recreation and then look for summer camp programs.)

Summer Camp Employment

The East Windsor Recreation Department hires counselors, supervisors and counselors-in-training (CIT’s) for the summer camp programs. Counselors must be at least 16 years of age, supervisors must be at least 18 years of age and CIT’s are 14 and 15 years of age. Anyone interested in any of these positions should contact the Recreation Department at 443-4000

East Windsor Township Youth Activity Directory



The Youth Activity Directory has been compiled by the East Windsor Recreation Commission to provide a comprehensive and informative directory of programs and activities that are available to the youth of our community. It is the intent of this Directory to be inclusive for all agencies that provide such programming for Township youth. As such, if any organization has been omitted from this Directory, please contact the Township Recreation Department so that information may be included in a future update. The Directory is available online at www.east-windsor.nj.us (click on Recreation and look for Youth Activity Directory.)

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.



Residents enjoy Family Night in the Park featuring inflatable rides, games and prizes. The evening was highlighted by a mystifying juggling performance and the showing of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory on the big screen.

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. For more specific registration information, contact the Recreation Office.



Mad Science

This hands-on science program enables students to have fun as they learn about various aspects of science. System 3 topics include Under Pressure, Che-mystery, fun-damental forces, wacky waves, science of magic, stunt planes and gliders and super structures.



KidzArt Arts and Crafts

Learn how to draw AND MORE with KidzArt! Students will experiment with a variety of artist grade materials including pastels, charcoal, watercolors, and prismacolor markers. Curriculum will touch on animals and landscapes as well as seasonal and fall themes including PROJECTS. If you had fun with KidzArt during summer camp, continue the excitement during the fall AFTER SCHOOL!



Computer Explorers

Crime Scene Investigation – NJ! : Use logic, your senses and forensic science to solve crimes. Learn how to work the field scene and the laboratory end of CSI. We'll use finger printing, tire tread patterns and much more! Each lesson will focus on a new forensic skill which will lead to solving a final investigation. No blood, no gore....but excitement galore!

Youth Sports Programs



Bowling

A (12) twelve-week bowling program for children between the ages of 5 and 14, as well as adults, will be offered at East Windsor Recreation Lanes. For registration information contact the bowling alley at 448-2258.

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.

East Windsor Township Community Bus

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 Senior Center to schedule a pick-up time at 371-7192.



Campers enjoyed face painting at Carnival day at Summer Camp

Senior Center



East Windsor Senior Center

Visit the East Windsor 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 or Hightstown Borough.

Programs and Activities at the Senior Center

- Ballroom Dancing Fridays at 10:00 am
- Birthday Club once a month at 12:15 pm
- Quilting Club Tuesdays at 12:30 pm
- Bingo Monday thru Fridays at 10:00 am
- Blood Pressure screenings first Monday of the month
- Once A Month Bowling League 3rd Thursday of the month 1:00 pm
- Bridge, Cards, Games, Billiards daily
- Conversational Chinese Tuesdays 10:00 am
- Computer Classes and Computer Tutoring.
- Core Balance and Strength Class Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, Thursdays at 1:00 pm
- Crafts-1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm
- Digital Photography Classes Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
- Exercise Classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and exercise to video every afternoon.
- Line Dancing Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
- Movies Mondays 12:45 pm
- Piano Lessons every other Wednesday 10:30 am
- Prize Bingo-First Monday each month at 12:30 pm
- Senior Center History and Scrapbooking Club first Tuesday of the Month 10:00 am
- Socrates Café Tuesdays at 1:00 pm
- Spanish Class- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
- Tai Chi Thursdays at 11:00 am
- Tap Dancing Fridays at 1:30 pm
- Volunteer Opportunities daily
- Walking Group daily 8:30 am
- Water Color Painting Mondays at 1:00 pm
- Writing Workshops
- Yoga- Mondays at 9:15 am and Fridays at 11:15 am

Senior Citizen Photo ID Day

Friday, November 5, senior citizens can receive a free photo identification card. Make an appointment by contacting the Senior Center.

Parties and Events

Fashion Show: Tuesday, October 19
Come spend an enjoyable afternoon watching some of your fellow senior center members model a variety of outfits from Bonworth. Refreshments will be served.

Halloween Ghost Stories and Costume Party:
Friday, October 29

Enjoy a few mildly chilling horror stories, then continue the party with costumes and some yummy treats.

Covered Dish Lunches: Tuesday, November 2; Thursday, November 11.

Bring a dish to share with everyone and have fun sampling all the tasty dishes. Stay afterward for a movie on Tuesday and a game afternoon on Thursday.

Thanksgiving Feast: Thursday, November 4
Enjoy an old fashioned Thanksgiving meal with live entertainment.

Harvest Square Dance: Friday, November 19
Celebrate the harvest season with pumpkin pie and lots of dancing.

December Holiday Party: Celebrate the season with desserts and music with Eclipse II (the holiday performers from 2009) and lots of door prizes. Date TBA.

New Years Eve Party: Thursday January 6, 2011
Ring in the New Year with a festive party complete with lots of cake, noise makers and Dr. Kalman Hirsch performing Broadway hits in "Back To Broadway."

AARP Defensive Driving Class

This course will be offered in November from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the East Windsor Senior Center. You must attend both classes in order to receive your certificate. 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, participants are eligible for a 2- point reduction on their Motor Vehicle Bureau Record if applicable. Membership in AARP is not required, but students must pre-register.

Senior Center

Informational Lectures and Seminars

Medicare Options Monday, October 25 12:45 pm
 Did you receive a notice in the mail about changes to your current Medicare Plan? Are you new to Medicare? Learn about your options and choices during your Annual Enrollment Period November 15-December 31.

AAA Straight Talk for Mature Drivers Tuesday, December 7 10:30 am

Learn about the effects of age, sight, hearing, judgment of speed and distance, medications, reflexes, etc. and the good news that mature drivers are amongst the safest. We discuss safe driving for seniors and play a video called the "Older & Wiser Driver" which will reinforce that age doesn't mean giving up activities but it can mean changing driving habits to reflect changing abilities.

Understanding Senior Gold and PAAD Friday, January 28 12:45 pm

Do you like to save money? Do you need help with prescription drug cost (Part D)? See if you qualify for extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D).

Health Education and Screenings

Glucose & Blood Pressure Screening Wednesday, October 27 9:00 am to 11:00 am
 With a simple finger stick you will get an immediate glucose reading. A nurse will share the results and provide education about pre-diabetes and diabetes. Blood pressure screening will also be available.

Foot and Ankle Screening Tuesday, November 23 9:30 am to 11:30 am

So many conditions can affect our feet from arthritis to bunions, as well as serious conditions such as peripheral neuropathy and diabetic foot ulcers.

Carotid & B/P Screening Wednesday, December 15 9:30 am to 11:30 am

A nurse will listen to your carotid arteries with a Doppler stethoscope and share the results and provide information on heart disease & stroke. Blood pressure screening will also be available.

Spinal Screening Wednesday, January 5, 2011 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Arthritis Lecture Thursday, February 10 10:30 am

Glucose, Blood Pressure, and Pulse Ox Screening Tuesday, March 22 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

WISE Program Monday, 2/14 – 3/28; 1:00 pm

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program celebrates healthy aging and educates older adults so they make positive lifestyle choices as they age. They provide older adults with the information and resources needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and feel empowered about their health and the healthcare they receive.

Trips

October 14 Peddler's Village: A day at Peddler's Village starts off with breakfast at The Cock And Bull, including BINGO and a Fashion Show, followed by time on your own. Cost: \$16.50 with the community bus transportation of 25 cents each way.

November 15 Atlantic City: Enjoy a luxury motor coach trip to Atlantic City. Spend time at the casino, walk the boardwalk or the beach or shop the outlets. Cost \$22.00 CASH BACK PACKAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER (usually between \$20 – \$30). SEATS WILL ONLY BE RESERVED UPON PAYMENT. DEADLINE: 10/10/10

December 1 Debbie Reynolds Show at the Tropicana Casino (includes lunch and casino slot-cash package): Cost: \$49. SEATS WILL ONLY BE RESERVED UPON PAYMENT. DEADLINE: 10/14/10

December 9 Surflight Theater: Start the trip off with a wonderful lunch selection at the Stafford Grille and then enjoy the Surflight Holiday Spectacular just two blocks from the ocean at the Surflight Theater. Cost: \$39.00 plus the community bus transportation of 25 cents each way. Show dates 12/9 & 12/16. Don't wait the trip will fill up fast, Deadline November 29.

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SPOTLIGHT EAST WINDSOR

Spotlight East Windsor, Ask the Mayor, with Mayor Janice Mironov, is a live call-in program on Comcast Cable Channel 27 and Verizon Channel 38. *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 channels for area residents. The channels also carry public announcements and programming throughout the week from East Windsor Township, the East Windsor Regional School District, and other community groups.