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STATE'S DIVERSION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUNDING MUST END

For over twenty-five years, the State of New Jersey has balanced its budgets on the backs of local Garden State property taxpayers. New Jersey Governors – Democratic and Republican – annually propose spending plans that are balanced with property tax relief revenues. And year after year, New Jersey Legislators – Republican and Democrat – enact them. Every year, monies that are collected by the State, with the promise that they will be returned to your hometown for property tax relief, are instead diverted by State officials to balance the State budget.

Here is the issue. There are two sources for general municipal property tax relief funding – money that the State collects, but must return to local governments. These are the “**Energy Tax**” and the “**Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (or CMPTRA)**” funds. Although it is often referred to as “**State Aid**,” these are actually revenue replacement programs, intended to replace municipal property tax revenue that was, formerly, directly collected by towns.

The **Energy Tax** is the direct descendant of the Public Utility Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax, which was a tax on regulated public utilities **originally assessed and collected at the municipal level**. In the early 1980s, at the request and for the convenience of the utilities, the State became the collection agent for this assessment, and the law that made this change promised that the proceeds would be distributed back to the municipalities. The State of New Jersey never honored that commitment, immediately and annually diverting large and growing portions of the proceeds to fund State programs. Modernization and deregulation led to a major State legislative reform of utility taxes in the mid-nineties, which validated municipal entitlement to these monies and, supposedly, capped the State’s annual portion of the tax proceeds.

Around the same time, for its own convenience, the State decided to ‘consolidate’ a number of previously discrete municipal property tax relief programs. Among its many components, **CMPTRA** includes the Financial Business Tax, the Business Personal Property Tax Replacement, the Railroad Class II Property Tax, the Insurance Franchise Tax, the Corporation Business Tax on Banking Corporations and State Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) payments, that had been under-funded for many years, prior to being folded into CMPTRA. These were **all municipal revenue replacement programs – not “aid from the State”** in that they were not meant to make things better for municipal property taxpayers; they were only intended to maintain stable local funding.

In the late-nineties, a law was passed that required both the Energy Tax and CMPTRA distributions to be annually increased by the rate of inflation. Thereafter, State policy makers skirted the law by annually reducing the CPMTRA payments by the same amount that it increased the Energy Tax payments. The State, then, strayed even farther from original legislative intent, when, in 2008, CMPTRA was reduced by about \$62 million more than the

Energy Tax was increased, and in 2009, the net loss equaled about \$32 million. Then last year, the **State, in a dramatic increased funding grab, used over \$271 million** of these, clearly ‘dedicated,’ local property tax relief revenue dollars for other purposes (**East Windsor lost \$905,000**). This did not occur because there was less Energy Tax revenue available for property tax relief. It occurred to augment the State’s Energy Tax skim, which had totaled \$403 million in 1998, and had more than doubled to \$829 million by 2008.

Obviously, this diversion of municipal property tax relief funding for State use **has poked gaping holes in local budgets** and had a **major impact on local purposes tax levies**, throughout the State for longer, now, than the past decade. Towns which host energy producing utilities have lost the use of the land occupied by the utilities and still must provide services, such as police, fire, sewer and nearby public road repairs, to those properties.

New Jersey property taxpayers will see real property tax relief if the State can be convinced to comply with its own revenue replacement funding statutes. The taxes were put in place and have always been collected in order to relieve the burdens heaped upon New Jersey property taxpayers.

Understanding the fiscal problems that the Governor inherited last year, we tempered our objections to the State’s use of municipal revenues to balance the FY 2011 budget. This diversion of property tax revenues to the State has been practiced for over 25 years; but never to the dramatic levels of 2010.

Now, New Jersey property taxpayers must draw a line in the sand. Faced with unprecedented fiscal challenges and new stringent budget caps, **we cannot carry the State any longer**. Local governments should no longer be considered the “scapegoat” of the State’s systemic property tax problems when the State government has simply taken more of the towns’ revenues.

The Energy Tax revenues owed to local governments must begin to be restored. We want to see a State commitment this year and we will work with the Administration and the Legislature on a phased plan to wean the State off of its dependence on Energy Tax (and CMPTRA) funds, and **to rededicate the dollars to municipal property tax relief.**

Giving municipal property taxpayers all the relief they are promised needs to be a part of “the new normal.”



Janice S. Mironov

Mayor Janice S. Mironov

Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council Hold Annual Reorganization Meeting

East Windsor Township Mayor and Council held the annual Township reorganization meeting where Janice S. Mironov was sworn in as Mayor for the sixteenth consecutive year by Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes; Mayor Janice Mironov and Sylvia Weiss.

Township To Receive \$4.9 Million for Tree Replacement

The Township will receive \$4.9 million owed to replace trees destroyed by the New Jersey Turnpike Widening Project. Mayor Janice Mironov joined with the Mayors of Robbinsville and Hamilton in a legal action against the State to recover monies due to their towns under the State “No Net Loss Reforestation Act” that had been diverted for the State budget. Under the agreement, East Windsor received \$1,316,442 in 2010. The agreement further requires NJDEP to appropriate \$1,832,619 in each of the two following years to the Township to replant almost 17,000 destroyed trees. The “No Net Loss Reforestation Act” requires that trees removed on a half-acre or more of state land must be replaced.

Township Awarded \$60,789 Grants for Energy Efficiency Improvements

East Windsor Township was awarded \$60,789 in funding toward energy efficient improvements to municipal buildings, a \$20,000 grant from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program and \$40,789 in funding under the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy Direct Install Program. Upon completion of the identified energy efficient improvements to the municipal building and the police building, East Windsor will experience an annual energy savings of \$18,070. The Township previously received funds for energy efficient lighting upgrades.

Township Acquires 30 Acres for Open Space on Disbrow Hill Road

The Township has acquired an additional 30 acre open space property on Disbrow Hill Road along the Township border with Millstone Township. The property, located directly across the roadway from Etra Lake Park, is bordered on the east by the Rocky Brook and adjacent to a 120 acre Township open space site, and is situated near a Township 59 acre open space parcel, of which 20 acres is being developed into new Township playing fields using County and State grant funds.

The 30 acre tract, located within the Township’s largest agricultural area, will provide a continuum of open space and potential recreational opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the Township’s new playing fields and the 160 acre Etra Lake Park. The property was designated for preservation in the Township Open Space and Recreation Plan which was prepared to qualify for maximum direct funding under the State Green Acres Program.

The total purchase price of \$460,000 to acquire the 30 acre site was underwritten by Green Acres grants, Mercer County open space grant and by developer contributions from the Township Open Space Fund. **No local property taxpayer monies were used in the purchase.**

Township Awarded \$3,000 Green Communities Grant

The Township was awarded a \$3,000 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Communities Grant. The funds will be used to hire a qualified expert to assist the Township in updating the Township Community Forestry Management Plan. The existence of a Community Forestry Management Plan is an environmental plus and enhances municipal grant opportunities.

Mayor State of the Township Address May 4

Mayor Janice S. Mironov will deliver the annual “State of East Windsor Township Address” at a luncheon event on Wednesday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn National Conference Center of East Windsor located at 399 Monmouth Street. The event is sponsored jointly by the Mercer County Chamber of Commerce and the East Windsor Chapter. For more information or to register contact Mercer County Chamber at 393-4143 or info@mercerchamber.org.

Mayor and Council

Township Awarded \$250,000 for Roadway Improvements to Twin Rivers Drive

East Windsor Township was awarded a \$250,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for roadway improvements to Twin Rivers Drive. The funding, successfully obtained by Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members, will be used for milling and resurfacing of Twin Rivers Drive North from Jamestown Road south across Route 33 to Evanston Drive, excluding the State Route 33 right of way, as well as repairs to curbs, driveway aprons and handicap ramps.

Township Receives Recreational Trails Program Grant

Mayor Mironov and Council Members successfully obtained a \$24,500 grant for "Disbrow Hill Trail" to provide a bike and walking path on 57 acres of Township open space across from Etra Lake Park. The funds were awarded under the NJ Department of Environmental Protection-administered Federal Recreational Trails Program.

The proposed new recreational trail, which will be approximately 8 feet wide, will begin at the entrance of Etra Lake Park with construction of a crosswalk, providing linkage to two existing Etra Lake Park trails, a two mile perimeter trail and a pathway to Twin Rivers. A portion of the 57 acre open space property is currently being developed using grants for a new playing fields facility consisting of softball fields and soccer/lacrosse fields. The new pathway will wind through these new playing fields, connecting to a 120 acre Township open space parcel along the southern border.

Grant funds will be used to purchase the trail surface material, signage and benches. Construction of the new trail is expected to commence in mid-2011.

Independence Day Celebration July 2

Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members invite area residents to attend the Township Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, July 2 (rain date Sunday, July 3) at Etra Lake Park. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with live entertainment. An exciting display of fireworks will follow.



Roadway Improvements

Lanning Boulevard Southern Connection

East Windsor Township has taken a major step forward in advancing a new roadway improvement project, the Lanning Boulevard Southern Connection, with the award of a planning and design contract for this project.

The primary project goal is to extend Lanning Boulevard across Princeton-Hightstown Road to connect with the Windsor-Hights Shopping Center, and provide a signal controlled intersection for all turning movements, including left turns from the center onto Princeton Hightstown Road westbound.

All engineering and construction costs will be funded from the Township Transportation Improvement Fund, consisting completely of *developer contributions*.



Lanning Boulevard and Princeton-Hightstown Road (County Route 571)

Cedarville Road

The reconstruction of the entire one and one-quarter mile length of Cedarville Road, from Etra Road to Windsor-Perrineville Road was completed in November.

The construction project consisted of full depth paving with a 5 inch new base and 2 inches of surface course. Grades and drainage were enhanced and new center lines and shoulder lines were applied.

2011 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Building
8:00 PM

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| April 26 | July 26 |
| May 3 | August 2 |
| May 17 | August 16 |
| June 14 | September 13 |
| June 28 | September 27 |
| July 12 | October 4 |

**Meeting dates subject to change.
Check with Township Clerk's office.**

Mayor and Council

2010 Township Employees of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov recognized the following employees as the 2010 Employees of the Year: **Jane Yudilevich**, tax assessor office, Police Officer **Ryan Mattek** and **Jose Jaramillo**, Public Works.

Police Officers Sworn In

Mayor Janice Mironov administered the oath of office to Earl D. Biddy III and Robert S. Davison, III, new East Windsor Township police officers and Lt. Richard Bernstein, Sergeant Christopher Jackson and Sergeant Scott Bodnar, who were promoted to fill vacated positions created by retirements. Police officers Biddy and Davison also are filling vacated police positions.



Pictured above (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice Mironov, Police Officer Earl D. Biddy, III; Police Officer Robert S. Davison, III, Police Sergeant Christopher Jackson and Chief of Police William Spain. Pictured below (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice Mironov, Police Lieutenant Richard Bernstein; Police Sergeant Scott Bodnar and Chief of Police William Spain.



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* airs on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (live every other Wednesday) and replays Mondays at 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm and Thursdays at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The show is also now available on YouTube and can be accessed at the East Windsor website www.east-windsor.nj.us.

New Jersey Mandates Recycling of Computers, Computer Monitors and Televisions

Effective January 1, 2011, the State of New Jersey is mandating the recycling of **desktop computers, laptops, computer monitors and televisions**; therefore, these items can no longer be disposed of in the regular trash collection. Since the Township is required to comply with this new State law, Township residents need to cooperate and refrain from placing these items at curbside. The new State law does not apply to other electronic devices including but not limited to radios, stereos and telephones. According to the State law, any person who violates its provisions is subject to a penalty from \$500 to \$1,000 for each offense.

As a result of a partnership created by Mayor Janice Mironov and Members of Council with Goodwill Industries and Dell Computers, the Township currently offers recycling of desktop computers, laptops and computer monitors to Township residents Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., excluding holidays, at the Township public works facility located at the corner of Ward Street and Etra Road. The types of equipment accepted 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 that individuals are responsible for removing data from hard drives and other storage media.

Township Public Works Facility Improvements

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority has commenced improvements to the Township Public Works facility on Ward Street. Land acquisition in connection with the NJ Turnpike Interchange 6 to 9 Widening Program made this move necessary. The plan, negotiated by Township officials and a big plus for East Windsor, provides for: removal of the existing storage building, garage space and salt shed; relocation of the de-icing station, a bulk storage bin and parking and construction of 4,400 square feet of garage space and 1,800 square feet of offices and a new salt shed. No municipal funds will be used for this project. Construction is currently underway and is expected to last until the late fall.

Mayor and Council

National Night Out - August 2

Mark your calendars! National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, place and time to be announced. This popular event will include opportunities to meet Mayor Janice Mironov and local elected officials. The evening will feature lots of fun and games, as well as educational opportunities.

Commercial/Business Updates

Aprecia Pharmaceuticals Company has located offices in the vacant 31,246 square foot former NexMed building at the corner of Twin Rivers Drive and Milford Road. Aprecia Pharmaceutical Company develops and manufactures pharmaceutical products for branded, generic and over-the-counter pharmaceutical and nutraceutical partners. The company currently maintains a headquarters in Langhorne, Pennsylvania. The new location in East Windsor Township will house the company's technology and manufacturing operations.

Target, located in the East Windsor Village Shopping Center on Princeton-Hightstown Road, has undertaken several renovations to their store. The project consisted of installing additional food merchandise areas, along with freezer cooling units and some exterior façade renovations to the building.

Seasons at East Windsor has received approval for a 120-bed (80-unit) assisted living facility with a dedicated Alzheimer's wing. The Seasons will be a full-service, all-inclusive facility with on-site amenities including gym, cinema, spa, bistro, and multiple game rooms, gardens, and sitting areas.

Peddie School Athletic Center is constructing an 11,118-panel solar array in the detention basin for the newly-built athletic center, which would generate 262 kilowatts.

Visit the East Windsor Township Economic Development Committee Facebook Page

The East Windsor Economic Development Committee Facebook page was created to provide a central location for residents and visitors to obtain information regarding local businesses. The Facebook page also provides an opportunity for businesses to offer specials and to advertise sales.

Visit www.facebook.com/pages/East-Windsor-Township-Economic-Development/139771319402588. Businesses may contact business_ombudsman@east-windsor.nj.us or by calling 443-4000, ext. 246.

Summer Events at Etra Lake Park

Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members invite all area residents to Etra Lake Park for free summer events.

Sunday, July 17 6 p.m. *Beatlemania*

This Beatles tribute band will take you back to a time when the world was engulfed in the fever of Beatlemania.

Saturday, July 23 7 p.m. *Family Night in the Park I*

Come out for an amazing juggling/magic show prior to the showing of *Despicable Me* on a big screen. In addition there will be games, rides and vendors for all to enjoy.

Sunday, August 7 6 p.m. *Chimetonnes*

The 10-member band will have you rockin to your favorite oldies from the 50's and 60's. You will hear My Girl, Do You Love Me, Tossin & Turnin, Stand By Me and many others.

Saturday, Aug 13 7 p.m. *Family Night in the Park II*

Local band 100% Cotton will be performing prior to the showing of *Toy Story 3* on a big screen. In addition there will be music, games, rides and vendors for all to enjoy.

2011 Community Events Sponsors

East Windsor Township thanks the following community businesses that have financially sponsored the 2011 Community Events.

PLATINUM SUPPORTER

TD Bank
First Choice Bank

SILVER SUPPORTER

Shiseido America
Diversified Rack and Shelving

MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR

Conair
Haldeman Ford

SPONSOR

Corner Copia
Saker Shop Rite
Coleman Chrysler Sears
Sabrina's Pizza
ExperPlan
Steven L. Harris DDS

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

Mayor and Council

New Businesses

Nicolina Ristorante opened in the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center on Route 130 South, just north of Princeton-Hightstown Road (Route 571). Nicolina, an Italian restaurant and pizzeria, opened in the 4,200 square foot space previously occupied by Atlanta Bread Company.



Pictured (from left to right) are: restaurant owner, John Mayorek, Mayor Janice Mironov (center); and restaurant co-owner, Al Santoro.

Delhi 6 Indian Rave Restaurant opened in the East Windsor Towne Center Shopping Center on Route 130 South. Delhi 6 Indian Rave is a 1,346 square foot restaurant which provides dine-in, take-out and a daily lunch buffet featuring authentic Indian cuisine.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Members Walter Daniels and Hector Duke, restaurant owner, Arjun Singh, Council Member Perry Shapiro, Mayor Janice S. Mironov (center), restaurant co-owner, Noddy Singh and his wife, Meera Verma and restaurant co-owner and chef, John Gomes.

First Choice Bank has located on Princeton-Hightstown Road (Route 571) in the 3,271 square foot space previously occupied by Yardville Bank and then acquired by PNC Bank, next to Walgreens.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Peter Crowley, President and CEO, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Janice Mironov; Randy Hanks, President and CEO of First Choice Bank; Stacey DeAlmeida, First Choice Bank Branch Manager; and Robert Prunetti, President, Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Hot Peppers Indian Cuisine opened in the Windsor Crossing Shopping Center located just off of Route 130 between Walmart and Home Depot. Hot Peppers is a 1,940 square foot restaurant which provides take-out and has a small seating area.



Pictured (from left to right) are: restaurant owners, Sandeep Nagra and Kamaljit Kaur, Mayor Janice S. Mironov (center); and Council Member Alan Rosenberg, surrounded by family members.

The **Windsor Crossing Shopping Center** has four other new tenants. **Bollywood Salon** has opened in a 1,287 square feet store. This new salon specializes in hair cuts and styling, make-up and waxing.

Kumon Learning Center has opened in a 1,240 square feet space adjacent to Bollywood Salon. Kumon is an after-school math and reading enrichment program for children in grade school, as well as, pre-school and kindergarten.

Patidar Indo-Asian Market has opened a large 12,810 square feet store adjacent to Edible Arrangements. Patidar, an Indo-Asian food market specializing in Indian and Asian food, sells meats, chicken, fish and dairy products, along with fresh fruits, vegetables, nuts, rice and beans. It also has a bakery with breads and muffins.



Edible Arrangements will be opening soon in 1,306 square feet space adjacent to the Kumon Learning Center. Edible Arrangements specializes in making food and fruit baskets in an artistic and tantalizing presentation and will operate as a walk-in business or on-line ordering.

The **Getty Gas Station** has re-opened under new ownership on the corner of Princeton-Hightstown Road and Old Trenton Road.

Mayor and Council

Join Adopt-A-Spot Program

East Windsor Clean Communities 2011 Adopt-A-Spot Program is soliciting participation by community and school groups. Groups “adopt” a public property to keep clean for the year. A sign is erected on the site indicating that it has been ‘Adopted by’ with the name of the group. The group is expected to perform three cleanups per month from April to November 1, and participate in a Township cleanup day. To participate contact the Mayor’s Office.

Congratulations to the 2010 Adopt-A-Spot participants: Beth El Synagogue; Boy Scout Troop 59; Boy Scout Troop 5700; Boy Scout Troop 6284; Cub Scout Pack 53; East Windsor Police Athletic League; Girl Scout Troop 70153; Girl Scout Troop 70658; Girl Scout Troop 71693; Junior Girl Scout Troop 70536 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 70649.



Boy Scout Troop 59; Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – Mayor Janice Mironov; Nate Crabtree; Chirauy Gupta; Max Tootleman; Evan Richardson; Aaron Paton; Ryan Richardson; Alex Catana; Sam Tootleman; Matt Lee and Gerrits; back row – Sandy Tootleman; Tom Vetter; Bob Gerrits and Clean Communities Chairperson Vincent Citarella.



Boy Scout Troop 6284; Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – Mayor Janice Mironov; Johnny Greaves; Douglas Fisher; Alexander Whitel, Jimmy Greaves and Dawn Sivak; middle row – Daniel Fisher; Brett Axon; Scott Perry; Daniel Perry; Thomas Distlecamp; Randall Sivak and Clean Communities Chairperson Vincent Citarella; back row – Justin Durrant; John Nieradka; Nicholas George; Ray Bazergui; Brian Bazergui; Jesse Allen and Steven Greaves.

Township Recognizes Suggestion Box Contest Winners

Mayor Janice Mironov presented certificates to the student winners of the Township Clean Communities Committee sponsored Suggestion Box Contest “*Select a Hazardous Material Which Should Not Be Placed in the Regular Trash Disposal, Explain Why and How to Properly Dispose of the Item.*”

The 2010 East Windsor Clean Communities Committee consists of: Chairperson Vincent Citarella, Barry Fliegelman, Joseph LaMagna, Judith Miller, Arthur Radford, Richard Warren, Student Members Brittany Chess and Alex Marker Pitock, Director of Public Works William Askenstedt, and Mayor Janice Mironov.



Girl Scout Troop 71693; Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – Carina Garcia; Ashley Field; Emma Lang; Allison Parkhurst; Jessica Devlin, Jessica Chirido; Tara Misiura; middle row – Mayor Janice Mironov; Claire Wroblewski; Kayla Cikosky; Lara Pavlovic; Dahlia Grub; Rachael Masone and Fiona Misiura; back row – Jasmin Badillo; Clean Communities Member Art Radford; Payton Williams; Felicia Williams; Deirdre Misiura; Maya Benson and Mike Benson.



Pictured (from left to right) are: 3rd Place Winner Joseph Bonacorda Mayor Janice S. Mironov; 2nd Place Winner Rahul Kamat and 1st Place Winner Michael Sokol

Police

East Windsor Township Participates in Womanspace 2010 Communities of Light

East Windsor Township participated in the annual Womanspace sponsored "Communities of Light" program, lighting up the Township Municipal Building with luminary kits purchased with private donations.

Communities of Light, benefiting victims of domestic violence, is sponsored by Womanspace, the leading non-profit organization in Mercer County that provides crisis intervention and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The mission of Womanspace is to provide a comprehensive array of services to individuals impacted by domestic violence and dedicated to improving the quality of life to women and their families.



Mayor Mironov presented a Mayoral Proclamation proclaiming December as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Pictured (from left to right) are: Chief of Police and Womanspace Board Member William Spain; Womanspace Communities of Light Chairperson Christine Clayton and Mayor Janice Mironov.

Volunteer for the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team

The Police Department, in collaboration with Womanspace, 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 situation.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, 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 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 Detective Joseph Gorski at 448-5678 ext. 231. Applications are available at the Police Department at 80 One Mile Road.

Township Receives Body Armor Grants

The Township received three grants during calendar year 2010 totaling \$9,170.15: \$3,510 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership; \$3,890.42 from the 2010 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice; and \$1,769.73 from the 2009 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program. The funds received from the grants are used to supplement Township expenditures for the periodic replacement of body armor used by Township police officers.

The State Body Armor Replacement Fund is funded through a \$1 surcharge on each fine, penalty or forfeiture imposed and collected by a judge for any violation of motor vehicle laws in the State of New Jersey. Moneys collected and deposited in the Fund are used in making grants to local and state law enforcement agencies for the purchase of body vests.

Township Participates In Gun Safety Program

In March, East Windsor Township sponsored a Gun Safety Program, distributing gun locks free of charge to any East Windsor resident. The gun locks were made available to the Township at no cost, through Project ChildSafe. Project ChildSafe is the nation's largest firearms safety program, and is sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Operation Medicine Cabinet 2011 April 30

East Windsor Township will be participating in Operation Medicine Cabinet on Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents can drop off expired and unneeded medications at the Township police building.

"Operation Medicine Cabinet" is a program sponsored by the New Jersey office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that offers residents the opportunity to dispose of all unused, unwanted and expired prescription medications in a safe manner.

"Operation Medicine Cabinet" provides a secure and legal means to dispose of these prescription medications in an environmentally responsible manner and reduces possible youth access to these stored or discarded drugs.

Police

East Windsor Crime Watch

Crime Watch is a collaborative effort between East Windsor residents and the Township Police Department, geared to keeping residents informed and alert to activities within their neighborhoods. Crime Watch, which meets regularly on the last Monday of each month at the Township Police Department, is always seeking new volunteers. For more information, contact Detective Joseph Gorski at 448-5678 ext. 231.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death of children over the age of six months in the United States. The proper use of child car seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting the lives of our young children in the event of a motor vehicle crash. Only the correct use of child car seats will offer the protection your child needs. There are many different types of child car seats on the market today. Each one must meet federal standards and all provide good protection for your child when used correctly. The “right” seat for you is largely a matter of personal choice. Choose a seat that fits your child and your car, read the instructions carefully, and use the seat correctly on every trip.



Correct use is easy if you follow four steps:

1. Read the manufacturer’s instructions for your car seat.
2. Face the **child safety seat** in the proper direction
3. Secure your child snugly in the car seat.
4. Secure the child car seat with a **seat belt**.

If you would like a certified child safety seat technician to inspect your child safety seat, call Sergeant James Geary at 448-5678 ext. 221 to arrange an appointment.

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 at the Township Clerk’s office or by calling 443-4000 ext. 240.

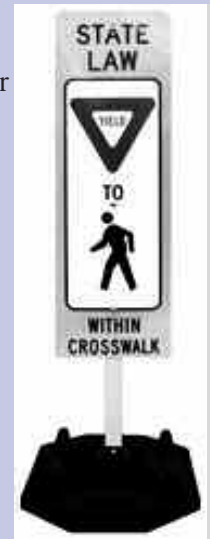


“STOP AND REMAIN STOPPED” FOR PEDESTRIANS LAW

New Jersey experiences a disproportionate number of pedestrian injury crashes and fatalities compared to the nation as a whole. Recent legislative revisions concerning pedestrian safety and traffic control have been enacted to help reduce the number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

Primarily, N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 requires drivers to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk. Whenever a vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle. Failure to observe the law may subject drivers to one or more of the following penalties:

- \$200 Fine (plus court costs)
- 2 Points
- 15 Days Community Service
- Insurance Surcharges



While the law is clear on actions drivers must take, it is the responsibility of both pedestrians and motorists to do their part to keep pedestrians safe. Some key safety points for pedestrians to consider are to:

- Always cross at corners, within marked crosswalks where available.
- Never cross from in-between parked cars.
- Before crossing, look left, right and left again and listen for traffic. Watch for turning cars.
- Always walk facing traffic
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing at night.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals

The full text of New Jersey’s Pedestrian Safety law can be found at:

www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/PL09/319_.PDF

Fire and Rescue

Firefighters of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov recognized Volunteer Firefighters of the Year, **Joshua Matorin** for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, and **Marcin Cymek** and **Michael Trivisonno, Jr.** for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Joshua Matorin has been a member of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 since June 9, 2005. Joshua has held various offices during his dedicated years of service, including Lieutenant, Trustee and Recording Secretary, as well as serving on several committees. Joshua has been named a Top Ten Responder since he joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, and is recognized for his high participation in fire calls, drills, events, and administrative duties.

Marcin Cymek has been a member of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 since 1998 and currently serves as Engineer. Marcin graduated from the Fire Fighter One course within one year of joining and has completed the Fire Service Instructor Course with an excellent training record. Marcin is qualified to drive all apparatus and has actively responded to over 1,100 calls. Marcin has gained a reputation for showing excellent leadership skills during fire calls and being proactive in fire prevention programs and community events, including serving on various executive committees.

Michael Trivisonno, Jr. has been a member of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 since 1997 and currently serves as Engineer. Michael has actively responded to over 1,200 calls and accumulated an outstanding attendance record at training drills and firefighter higher education courses. Michael has gained a reputation for displaying excellent team work skills during emergencies, as well as during training and company events.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Bill Kerr, Vice President, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Joshua Matorin, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Fire Fighter of the Year and Tony Katawick, Deputy Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Mark Cohen, President, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2; Marcin Cymek, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Fire Fighter of the Year; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Michael Trivisonno, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Fire Fighter of the Year and Barry Rashkin, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2

Volunteer for Township Emergency Services

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 the Township, while Fire Company No. 2 and Rescue Squad District II serve the eastern part of the Township. Benefits include helping the community in which you live, free training, community college reimbursement and a length of service pension plan.

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| 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 |

| 2011 Fire Company and Rescue Squad Officers | |
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| <u>Fire Company 1:</u> | President – Carl Dye Chief – Kevin Brink |
| <u>Fire Company 2:</u> | President – Mark Cohen Chief – Barry Rashkin |
| <u>Rescue Squad 1:</u> | President – Michael Quinn Chief – Scott Prykanowski |
| <u>Rescue Squad 2:</u> | President: Lauren Bartlett Chief – Tristan Torres |

Public Works

Trash Collection

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 30, 2011 |
| Independence Day | Monday | July 4, 2011 |
| Labor Day | Monday | September 5, 2011 |
| Columbus Day | Monday | October 10, 2011 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday | November 24 , 2011 |
| Thanksgiving Friday | Friday | November 25 , 2011 |
| Christmas Day (observed) | Monday | December 26, 2011 |

Recycling Collection

Recycling dates for 2011 are as follows:

AREA #1

Apr 20 • May 4 & 18 • June 1, 15 & 29 • July 6 & 20
 Aug 3 & 17 • Sept 14 & 28 • Oct 5 & 19
 Nov 2, 16 & 30 • Dec 14 & 28

AREA #2

April 27 • May 11 & 25 • June 8 & 22 • July 6 & 20
 Aug 3 & 17 • Sept 14 & 28 • Oct 12 & 26 • Nov 9 & 23
 Dec 7 & 21

East Windsor Recycling Day Events Saturday, April 30 and Saturday, October 15 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Mayor Janice Mironov and Members of Council will hold a special Recycling Days at the **East Windsor Senior Center**, located at 40 Lanning Blvd. Free paper shredding services to recycle old personal documents and confidential files securely will be available to East Windsor residents only. No commercial use will be permitted. Items accepted for drop-off are: computers and computer equipment, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs, printer and used eyeglasses (for the Lions Club). The Rescue Mission also will be on site to collect usable furniture, clothing, blankets and working household appliances and electronics. For further information, call 443-4000 ext. 215

Used Motor Oil Recycling Drop-Off Temporarily Suspended

The Township temporarily suspended used motor oil recycling drop-off at the public works facility located at Ward Street and Etra Road, beginning Monday, February 28, until approximately July 1. This step is necessary during on-site construction work to relocate the Township oil recycling tank. Used oil recycling will be available again upon construction completion. Residents who need to recycle oil during this period may use commercial recycling facilities, Mercer County Hazardous Waste Disposal Days or call 443-4000 ext. 215 for alternate locations, or can store waste oil until July.

Mercer County Household Chemical and Used Electronic Waste Collection Events



Mercer County is hosting household chemical and used electronic waste collection events at the Dempster Fire Training Center on June 11 and October 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information and a list of acceptable items, visit the Mercer County Improvement Authority website: www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal.asp

Recreation

2011 Summer Recreation Camp Programs



- **Sunny Day Camp**

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

- **Recreation Day Camp**

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

- **Junior Travel Camp**

Held at Kreps Middle School for students entering 4th – 6th Grades. Campers go on a different trip each day. Trips include Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor. Space is limited!

- **Senior Travel Camp**

Held at Kreps Middle School for students entering 7th - 10th Grades. Campers will go on a different trip each day. Trips include Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Deep Sea Fishing and Seaside Beach and Boardwalk. Space is limited!

- **Camp Care**

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



- **US Sports Institute Multi Sports Camp**

For children ages 5-14, full day (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and the Sports Squirts Camp (4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) for children ages 3-5. Camps will run August 15 – 19 and August 22 – 26. Before and after care will be provided for the full day program. **The Recreation Department will be offering Before and After Camp Care.**

Lacrosse Camp – US Sports will be offering a beginner lacrosse camp for children ages 6 to 14 August 8 – 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Field Hockey Camp – US Sports will be offering a field hockey camp for children ages 6 to 14 August 8 – 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To register for any of the US Sports camps visit www.USsportsinstitute.com

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).



Recreation

After School Program

The East Windsor Recreation Department offers a variety of different programs for children in Kindergarten to 8th Grade. Programs are held at the Black School, Drew School, McKnight School, Rogers School and Kreps Middle School. Listed below are some of the programs that are 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 Department 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!

- **KidzArt**

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.

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 ext 225.

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 21. The program is offered to students in Grades K – 5. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information. For more information regarding local youth sports leagues and teams visit:

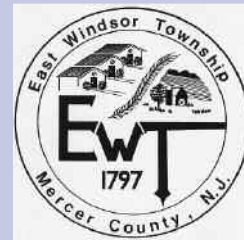


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Volunteer for East Windsor Township Boards and Committees



Residents are encouraged to serve on the Township volunteer Boards and Committees. Applications are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office and on the Township website 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.

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 older who reside in East Windsor Township or Hightstown Borough.

Programs and Activities at the Senior Center include:

- Ballroom Dancing Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- Needleworks Club Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Bingo Monday thru Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- Blood Pressure screenings first Monday of the month
- Bowling League 3rd Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- Bridge, cards, games, billiards daily
- Computer classes and tutoring each morning
- Conversational Chinese Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Cooking Class with Barb during summer months
- Core Balance and Strength class Tuesdays at 2:00 and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Crafts Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Current events discussion group Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Digital Photography classes Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Ebay classes
- Exercise classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and exercise to video every afternoon
- Line Dancing Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Movies Mondays 12:45 p.m.
- Piano Lessons every other Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
- Prize Bingo-1st Monday each month at 12:30 p.m.
- Senior Center History and Scrapbooking Club 1st Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Spanish class - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Tai Chi Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Tap Dancing Fridays at 1:30 p.m.
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Walking Group daily 8:30 a.m.
- Water Color Painting Mondays at 1:00 p.m.
- Yoga Mondays at 9:15 a.m. and Fridays at 11:15 a.m.

Senior Club News

If you are interested in joining the Senior Club, please contact Joan Gordon at 448-8915. The Senior Club meets the second Wednesday of every month.

Health Education and Screenings

Monthly visits from a podiatrist and monthly blood pressure screenings at the Senior Center. Check monthly calendars for dates and times.

Balance Screening Wednesday, April 27 10:00 a.m.

Fear of falling can result in loss of self-confidence as well as decreased activity and quality of life. A physical therapist will evaluate your balance and risk of falling.

Healthy Eating Tuesday, May 3 10:15 a.m.

Come out for a morning of nutritional information and healthful snacks with recipes.

Foot and Ankle Screening Friday, June 3 10:00 a.m.

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

COPD Friday, July 15 10:30 a.m.

Join our speaker as they discuss this ailment and the things that can be done to help. Light breakfast refreshments will be provided

Health Education Friday, September 16 1:00 a.m.

WISE Program Dates and Time to be announced

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program celebrates healthy aging and educates older adults so they make positive lifestyle choices as they age.



Seniors enjoy an afternoon of square dancing

Senior Center

Parties and Events

Covered Dish Lunch Friday, April 22 11:30 a.m.

Bring a dish to share with everyone and have fun sampling all the tasty dishes as we eat lunch at the senior center.

Senior Citizen Day Tuesday, May 3 starts 9:30 a.m.

Come out for an entire day dedicated to you, the senior citizen. Opening with breakfast treats and beverages the morning is dedicated to nutrition and healthy eating. After lunch return for an afternoon of dancing and music and cake.

June Senior Games Date and Time to be announced

The senior games are returning so keep checking the newsletter and calendar for more information on this wonderful event.

Independence Day Party Wed., July 6 1:00 p.m.

Make some noise and feel the excitement at the Senior Center to celebrate the 4th of July with cake and musical entertainment.

Mid-Summer Square Dance Party Friday, July 29

Beat the heat of summer with some ice cream and cool dancing.

Dog Days of Summer BBQ Friday August 12

Enjoy an old fashioned summer Bar-B-Que as you eat, play games, dance and listen to some great music from The Blue Smoke Band.

Welcome Autumn Party Mon. Sept. 26 1:00 p.m.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

This course will be offered on Mondays in June and September. Check the Senior Newsletter for exact dates and times. 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.

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.

Senior Citizen Photo Identification Day

Mayor Mironov and Council Members present Photo Identification Day on Friday, May 20 and August 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Township Senior Center. For information call 371-7192.

Trips:

- April 28 A Chorus Line at the NJ PAC: Cost \$25.00, plus 50 cents cash for the community bus transportation. Lunch on your own at the Olde Country Buffet.
- May 9 Mohegan Sun in The Poconos: Cost \$35.00. Bonus package back: \$30.00 slot play and \$10.00 for food.
- May 23 Algonquin Arts: Pride and Prejudice. Cost \$8.50 plus 50 cents cash for the Community bus transportation. Lunch on your own at the Americana Diner.
- June 23 Disney's Beauty and The Beast at the NJ PAC: Cost \$25.00, plus 50 cents cash for the Community bus transportation. Enjoy this beautiful fairy tale adapted for the Broadway stage.
- June 27 Atlantic City: Cost \$22.00. Enjoy a luxury motor coach trip to Atlantic City. CASH BACK PACKAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.
- July 19 River Belle Cruise and Lunch and Sugar House Casino: Cost \$64.00. Enjoy a Riverboat cruise with lunch on the Delaware River followed by time at the Sugar House Casino in Philadelphia. (casino package \$15.00 slot cash back)
- August 8 Atlantic City: Cost \$22.00. Take a luxury motor coach to an Atlantic City casino for the day. CASH BACK PACKAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED.
- October 19 Mount Airy Casino in The Poconos: Cost \$26.00.

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REGISTER FOR TOWNSHIP E-NEWS

East Windsor Township E-News Updates are sent approximately twice a month and provide e-mail information on new businesses and stores, roadway projects, grants and special events.

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