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Keep Energy Sprawl Off Productive Farmland

Pursuant to the NJ Municipal Land Use Law, all municipalities in New Jersey must have master plans and zoning regulations which determine and limit the use of every single piece of property within each community. Zoning defines permitted uses for properties throughout a municipality, serving as an important planning tool and public safeguard. For example, if a homeowner wishes to run a nightclub out of his home, he is not allowed. Similarly, if a landowner is offered a large sum of money to allow the siting of a shiny new incinerator or a nuclear waste facility on his farm, he is not allowed. In both cases, zoning precludes these alternative uses and serves as a public protection for surrounding landowners. While it sounds like an attractive live-free adage to declare “I can do whatever I wish with my property”, the fact is that no one can just do whatever they want with their property. Municipal leaders are sometimes called upon to defend the municipal master plan and zoning for the protection of the entire community.

In the case of renewable energy, New Jersey should put solar energy facilities where they belong, looking first to rooftops on our extensive array of warehouses, shopping centers and office complexes, on parking facilities and carpools, and on brownfields, landfills and redevelopment sites. Solar projects which directly power businesses, including those that power agricultural operations, so as to reduce energy operating costs, should be encouraged as long as the primary use remains. Net metered projects for existing businesses offer a dual benefit to communities, by both greening our environment and also reducing energy costs, enabling the businesses to operate at a more competitive cost and be more apt to stay in New Jersey and in our towns. This keeps jobs here and local shoppers here and even provides for the potential of expansion of the existing businesses and the creation of additional jobs.

As pointed out by Michelle Byers, executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in a recent editorial, “Agricultural land that is supplying food and pastoral beauty, fighting global warming, and providing an alternative to sprawl shouldn’t be diverted for energy generation.” As encouraged by Chris Strum in a recent NJ Future article, “Discouraging utility-scale solar development on farmland would ensure that agriculture retains its role as a thriving contributor to the Garden State’s economy, environment and quality of life.” **The Governor’s proposed Energy Master Plan expressly states that “the policy of encouraging the development of renewable resources should not impact the preservation of farmland and open space”, and the Administration “does not support the use of ratepayer subsidies to turn productive farmland into grid supply solar facilities.”** We strongly agree that the siting of solar facilities should be prioritized by statewide pol-

icy and that our taxpayer funds should not be used to incentivize and subsidize the use of productive farmland for large scale commercial grid solar facilities.

However, **New Jersey legislators have once again intervened, undermining local zoning and planning by declaring utility-scale solar facilities on farmland as “inherently beneficial uses” making it difficult for local officials to identify appropriate sites for renewable projects and undermining the ability to regulate these sites.** Recently, New Jersey legislators similarly interfered with local prerogatives by unilateral fiat from Trenton, declaring that approved age-restricted housing developments could now become family housing -- in total disregard of local master plans and zoning and dismissing the public process and public input.

When the State allows local zoning to be thrown out, it creates problems for local officials and residents alike. When residents complain about the glare and trash on solar farms or the stunning visual impairment of previously green farms hosting thousands of ground panels and equipment, they do not go to the legislature or the property owner. The residents show up at the Mayor’s office and are often shocked that the legislature has rendered us powerless to fix the residents’ problem. Mayors who are on the front line with citizens and sit on local planning boards understand the nature of the issues and concerns which need to be addressed before projects are permitted to be built.

We all support encouraging the use of renewable energy, but the promotion of this good goal should not beat the expense of other important and equally worthy land uses and planning goals, such as the preservation of farmland and open space. As a result of substantial federal and state public subsidizes, New Jersey legislative enactments creating a singular favoritism for renewable energy, and the absence of a thoughtful balanced state policy with priorities, a general “free-for-all” has been created which does not well serve our State and the public. Because of New Jersey’s small size and the significant impacts caused by large-scale ground solar arrays, the issue as to whether a solar installation is the appropriate use of a given parcel of land is particularly critical. The significant drop in solar project construction costs, development of more advanced renewable technology and options, and the current crash in the solar credits market all further underscore the importance of state officials moving expeditiously to resolve these important policy and fiscal issues.

[This is a reprint of an Op-Ed by, Mayor Janice Mironov, East Windsor Township, Mayor John Bencivengo, Hamilton Township, Mayor Peter Cantu, Plainsboro Township, and Mayor David Fried, Robbinsville Township.]

Mayor and Council

Mayor and Council Hold Annual Reorganization Meeting

East Windsor Township Mayor and Council held the annual Township reorganization meeting where Mayor Janice Mironov, Marc Lippman, Peter Yeager and John Zoller were sworn into office for four-year terms. Mayor Mironov was sworn in as Mayor for the seventeenth consecutive year and Perry Shapiro was sworn in as Deputy Mayor.



Mayor Janice Mironov was administered the oath of office by Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes. Pictured (from left to right) are: Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes; Mayor Janice Mironov; and Rita Mironov, her mother.



Mayor Janice Mironov administers the oath of office to Perry Shapiro as Deputy Mayor. Pictured (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice Mironov; Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro; Kurt Shapiro, his son; and Cara Shapiro, his daughter.

Township Acquires Additional 47 Acres of Open Space

The Township has acquired two new open space properties located on Etra Road and Airport Road. The 40 acre Etra Road parcel, situated between the New Jersey Turnpike and Cedarville Road, is located in the Township Rural-Agricultural Zone.

The purchase price of \$1,100,000 was underwritten by Green Acres grants, Mercer County open space grants and NJ Turnpike Authority funds. **No** property tax dollars were used.

The 7.55 acre Airport Road parcel is located adjacent to the new Windsor Cove subdivision at Endeavor Boulevard. This property, donated to the Township by developer Pulte Homes, is wooded and partially impacted by wetlands.

The Township has preserved over 2,600 acres, constituting over 25 percent of the Township, as permanently preserved open space and farmland. The total amount of Green Acres funds approved to date through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Township and East Windsor Green Space is over \$6.35 million, along with approximately \$3 million in Mercer County open space grants and over \$2 million in developer donations.

McGraw-Hill Donates Land

McGraw-Hill has donated 2.5 acres of property adjacent to the Police/Court building, for future use to construct a municipal solar facility.

Mayor Mironov Elected 1st Vice President of New Jersey State League of Municipalities

Mayor Mironov was elected First Vice President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities is the statewide association of municipalities which pools information and resources, and represents and advocates for the interests and needs of local towns to county, state and federal governments.

Mayor Mironov is also a member of the League Legislative Committee and Economic Development Task Force, Chairperson of the League Housing Policy Committee, Chairperson of the Statutory Funding Compliance Committee, Co-Chairperson of the Energy Policy Committee, and a member of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Executive Board.

Mayor State of the Township Address Thursday, May 10

Mayor Janice S. Mironov will deliver the annual "State of East Windsor Township Address" at a luncheon event on Thursday, May 10 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 the Mercer County Chamber at 393-4143 or info@mercerchamber.org.

Mayor and Council

New “Disbrow Hill Trail”

Construction of a new bike and walking path on a portion of 59 acres of Township open space across from Etra Lake Park is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Mayor Mironov and Council Members obtained a \$24,500 grant under the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Federal Recreational Trails Program.

The new trail will begin at the entrance of Etra Lake Park with new construction of a crosswalk, providing linkage to two existing trails and winding through the Disbrow Hill playing fields, connecting to an adjacent 120 acre Township-owned open space parcel.

Township Awarded \$10,000 Grant for Bicycle Safety Programs

The Township has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to fund a Bicycle Safety program for the community.

The first phase is a “Use Your Head” helmet giveaway to be conducted at the Municipal Building on Tuesday May 8, 15, and 22, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. East Windsor residents between the ages of 5 and 16 years old will receive safety materials and a free bike helmet.

The second phase begins June 1 and concludes at East Windsor’s National Night Out celebration on August 7. Under this phase, Township youth who commit to wearing a helmet can obtain a form from Township officials and police officers to be entered into a drawing for prizes.

The final phase, entitled “Bike at Night – Use A Light”, provides Township residents with a bike light, free of charge. This phase of the program begins August 1 and concludes on August 31.



Mayor Janice Mironov and members of the police department hosted “Use Your Head”, a grant-funded bicycle helmet giveaway. Pictured (from left to right) are: front row - Shrie Puppala; Spencer Cohen; Emma Cohen; Ruby Marino; back row - Mayor Janice Mironov; Ike Marino; Luc Marino and Police Officer Dale Kleinkauf.

Independence Day Celebration July 3

Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Members invite area residents to attend the Township Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Tuesday, July 3 (rain date Saturday, July 7) at Etra Lake Park. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with live entertainment. An exciting fireworks display will follow.



NJ Turnpike Widening Project Update

The new Milford Road bridge has been completed and opened for use. A new Route 33 eastbound left turn lane to allow access to Route 133 has opened, as well as a new entrance ramp on Route 33 west to Route 133.

Monmouth Street (County Route 633) continues to be closed for work related to the Turnpike Widening Project. The work consists of relocating utilities and constructing new outer lanes and bridges. All traffic will be detoured around the proposed closure utilizing Route 33 and Woodside Avenue.

Construction began in March on the bridge located on Old York Road. The project is scheduled to take up to 18 months to complete. The bridge will remain open for two lanes of traffic; however, there may be potential delays due to construction.

The bridge located on Windsor-Perrineville Road will be closed starting in April. The detour route will be Windsor Road to Sharon Road to Old York Road.

Roadway Improvements

Improvements on **Chestnut Drive**, **Glen Oak Drive**, **Primrose Lane** and **Cedar Lane** are scheduled to be done later this year. The project consists of repairs to curbs, driveway aprons and storm drain inlets, along with full roadway resurfacing.

Route 130 to be Resurfaced

The New Jersey Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Route 130 from Maple Stream Road in East Windsor to Dey Road in Cranbury. The project is scheduled to be done this summer. The work will consist of milling, repaving the road surface, and reconstructing deteriorating curb sections, along with the construction of handicap curb ramps and restoration of existing low inlets and manholes.

Mayor and Council

2011 Township Employees of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov recognized the 2011 Employees of the Year: **Jennifer Santiago**, Manager’s Office, Police Officer **Ryan Ballard**, and **Pete Genthe**, Public Works.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Police Officer Ryan Ballard.; Mayor Janice Mironov, Jennifer Santiago, and Peter Genthe.

New Township Street Map Produced

A new, full color East Windsor street map has been produced and mailed to Township residents. The newly produced map features every street in the Township, along with schools, parks, libraries, shopping centers, restaurants and municipal facilities. Also, phone numbers are provided for local government offices, utilities, transportation providers, libraries and community groups. The printing and mailing of the map was underwritten by local businesses and advertisers.



2011 Township Business Awards

Mayor Mironov presented the East Windsor Township 2011 Business Awards to: **Americana Hospitality Group**, **ShopRite of East Windsor** and **Diversified Rack and Shelving, Inc.**

The “*Business Beautification*” award went to the **Americana Hospitality Group** for an approved three-building redevelopment project on Route 130 North, consisting of a new, architecturally modern three-story, 42,000 square foot building, with retail space and offices; renovation of the existing 5,454 square foot commercial building fronting on Route 130; and a new 10,025 square foot day care center. The Americana Diner will remain unchanged with additional parking. The current motel and the rear building will be demolished for the new commercial development.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Ron Longo, President of Diversified Rack and Shelving; Mayor Mironov; Constantine Katsifis, American Hospitality Group and owner of the Americana Diner; and Mike McDonald, Manager of ShopRite of East Windsor.

The “*Community Service*” award went to **ShopRite of East Windsor**, located on Route 130 North in the Town Center Plaza Shopping Center. ShopRite, a generous supporter of many local groups and many community programs, donates to: the East Windsor and Hightstown fire departments, East Windsor schools, local scout groups, the East Windsor Senior Center, veterans groups, and many Township community events, such as Clean Communities activities and National Night Out.

The “*Community Enhancement*” award went to **Diversified Rack and Shelving**, located on Route 130 North. Diversified Rack and Shelving has been a major supporter of RISE by donating a full set of shelving for the RISE food pantry and working to arrange for much-needed refrigeration and freezer units for the RISE food pantry, as well as a shelving unit for the Greater Goods store.

East Windsor Moved to Congressional District 12

As a result of the 2010 Census, East Windsor has been moved into Congressional District 12. The newly drawn District 12 includes all of Mercer County, with the exception of Hamilton and Robbinsville, and parts of Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties. District 12 is currently represented by Congressman Rush Holt. The new map takes effect for the 2012 elections with the new members of Congress taking office in January 2013.

Mayor and Council

New Public Works Facility Completed

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority has completed 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 project necessary.

The plan, negotiated by Township officials, 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; construction of a new 4,400 square foot garage space, 1,800 square feet of offices and a new salt shed. No municipal funds were used for this project.



Pictured above: the new Public Works garage and office space. Pictured below: the new salt shed and de-icing station.



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 22 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 28 7 p.m. Family Night in the Park

Come out for an evening of free family entertainment. The movie *Cars 2* will be shown on a big screen. In addition there will be games, rides and vendors for all to enjoy.

Sunday, August 5 6 p.m. *Rag Doll*

This Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute band will rock you back to 1960. Come out to hear great hits like Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll and many more.

Saturday, Aug 11 7 p.m. Family Night in the Park

Come out for an evening of free family entertainment. The movie *Dolphin Tale* will be shown on a big screen. In addition there will be games, rides and vendors for all to enjoy.

2012 Community Events Sponsors

East Windsor Township thanks the following community businesses that have financially sponsored the 2012 community events.

PLATINUM SUPPORTER

First Choice Bank

SILVER SUPPORTER

Delaware Valley OBGYN
Haldeman Ford East Windsor
Shiseido America

MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR

Carduner Family LTD Partnership
Conair
Holiday Inn East Windsor
Patidar Cash & Carry
Silver Spoon Buffet & Grill
TJ Maxx
Windsor Nissan

SPONSOR

Corner Copia
Saker Shop Rite

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.

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

2012 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Building – 8p.m.

April 17	May 1 & 15	June 5 & 19
July 24 & 10	August 7 & 21	Sept 4 & 18
October 2		

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

Mayor and Council

New Businesses

Papa John's Pizza has opened in the Carduner Shopping Center located at the northwest corner of Routes 130 and 571. Papa John's specializes in a variety of pizza pies made with fresh vegetables delivered daily. The menu offers side dishes, a "create your own pizza" made with Papa John's original or thin crust and a selection of fresh toppings, and specialty pizzas including: BBQ Chicken and Bacon, Tuscan Six Cheese, Spicy Italian and Garden Fresh.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Rajesh Sahu, Papa John's Pizza Chief Operating Officer; Rauhin Sahu, son of Rajesh and Madhulika Sahu; Madhulika Sahu, Papa John's Pizza Owner; Mayor Janice Mironov; Ray Palmere, Manager of Papa John's Pizza; Council Member Hector Duke; and Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro.

Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa has opened in the East Windsor Village Shopping Center, located on Princeton-Hightstown Road west of Lanning Boulevard. Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa offers a variety of massages and facials. Their signature massage is the Hot Stone Massage.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Todd Leff, Chief Executive Officer of Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa; John Maro, Chief Operating Officer of Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa; Umesh Bhatia, Owner; Mayor Janice Mironov; Archana Bhatia, Owner; and Michael A. Cana, Chairperson of the Mercer County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Charlie Brown's Steakhouse has reopened in the East Windsor Village Shopping Center, located on Princeton-Hightstown Road west of Lanning Boulevard. Charlie Brown's representatives stated that the restaurant intends to employ approximately 40 to 60 people for a wide variety of positions.

Commercial/Business Updates

Bartronics, a global consulting and IT services and systems integration leader focused on making businesses work efficiently, will be opening local offices in East Windsor. Bartronics, founded in India in 1990, specializes in business bar codes and smart tags. The company will move into a 8,000 square foot space in 104 Windsor Center Drive, located on the south side of Princeton-Hightstown Road (County Route 571) just east of Old Trenton Road (County Route 535).

McGraw Hill has completed construction of a 14.1 megawatt solar array on the company's Princeton-Hightstown Road campus. The solar array project is the largest privately-owned net-metered solar array in the Western Hemisphere and will power McGraw Hill's operations and data center.

Elementis Specialties, a leading worldwide manufacturer of chemical additives, will be relocating to the "Sci-Park" Science and Technology Center, on Old Trenton Road (County Route 535), across from Windsor Corporate Park. The company moved 125 employees from its current outdated location on Wyckoffs Mill Road. The \$10 million interior build-out of the Elementis space at Sci-Park is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Housing Development

Windsor Cove, a 51 unit single-family half acre parcel development, located off of Airport Road, is under construction. Pulte Homes is providing three different types of spacious homes with various elevations and a variety of options from which to choose.

Wyncrest Commons, located on One Mile Road between Windsor Commons and Windsor Mill, is near completion on the 7 building, 84 unit project. The residential units will consist of townhouse style and single floor apartments, with 15 units designated as affordable housing.

Magnolia Estates, a new subdivision on Conover Road, will feature twenty-two new single-family homes. An existing dwelling will remain.

Brooktree Estates, located on the former site of the Brooktree Swim Club at Oak Creek Road and Dutch Neck Road, has started construction on an eight unit single family subdivision. A .46 acre parcel has been offered as a donation to the Township.

Mayor and Council

Join Adopt-A-Spot Program

The East Windsor Clean Communities 2012 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 1 to November 1, and participate in a Township cleanup day. To participate, contact the Mayor’s Office.

Congratulations to the 2011 Adopt-A-Spot participants: Boy Scout Troop 59; Boy Scout Troop 5700; Boy Scout Troop 6284; Cub Scout Pack 53; the East Windsor Police Athletic League; Girl Scout Troop 70153; Girl Scout Troop 71693; and Junior Girl Scout Troop 70649.



Cub Scout Pack 53 Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – John O’Brien; Geoffrey Infosino; Aayush Gupta; Andrew Mazurek; Griffin Burd; Aidan Shannon; Michael Bellars; back row – Christian Garcia; Bryan Emery; Mayor Janice Mironov; Elijah Van Der Laan; Matthew Infosino; Christopher Infosino; and Michael Hill.



Boy Scout Troop 59 Pictured (from left to right) are: front row - Assistant Scout Master Bob Gerrits; Aaron Paton; Zach Weinstein; Kendrick Baquero; Chirayu Gupta; Christopher McGinely; Mayor Janice Mironov; back row – Matthew Lee; Committee Chairperson David Paton; Christopher Muller; Alex Catana; Daniel McGinley; Max Tootleman; Sam Tootleman; Nathaniel Crabtree; and Scout Master Sandy Tootleman.



Girl Scout Troop 71693 Pictured (from left to right) are: Julia Juvelier; Maya Benson; Carina Garcia; Mayor Janice Mironov; Kayla Chikoskyj; Allison Parkhurst; and Ashley Field.



Girl Scout Troop 70649 Pictured (from left to right) are: Gabrielle Husko; Jessica Chrissafis; Mayor Janice Mironov; Alyssa Grillo; Carly Haug; Elizabeth Gordon; and Ashley Chrissafis.



Boy Scout Troop 6284 Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – Matthew DiGioia; John Greaves; Mayor Mironov; James Grezves; Douglas Fisher; back row – Joseph Frascella; John Nieradka; Robert GiGioia; Andrew White; and Randall Sivak.



Brownie Troop 71426 Pictured (from left to right) are: Katie Scheid; Emily Brieva-Gillet; Anjali Rabindran; Mayor Janice Mironov; Jackie Masone; and Isabel Hulme.

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 “How Would You Explain the Importance of ‘Recycle, Reuse, Rebuy and Reduce’ to Family and Friends?”

The student winners were: 1st Place Winner **Rachel Dzieminski**, 2nd Place Winner **Jessica Ketterer**, and 3rd Place Winner **Mia Salas**. Mayor Mironov also presented Honorable Mentions to **Natasha Darko** and **Ananya Ramachandran**. Winners received Mayoral certificates of recognition and gift certificates to Barnes and Noble donated by corporate sponsor Shiseido America.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Honorable Mention winner Natasha Darko; 2nd Place winner Jessica Ketterer; Mayor Janice Mironov; 1st Place winner Rachel Dzieminski; Honorable Mention winner Ananya Ramachandran; and 3rd Place Winner Mia Salas.

Mayor and Council

National Night Out - August 7

Mark your calendars! National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 7, at the East Windsor Police Athletic League Complex, Airport Road. This popular event will include opportunities to meet local elected officials and police. The evening will feature lots of fun and games, as well as educational opportunities.

Traffic Control Monitoring System

The Township is in the process of joining a NJ Department of Transportation pilot program involving compliance with traffic signals along New Jersey roadways. The State has determined that the installation of traffic control monitoring systems by municipalities, complemented by local law enforcement, can serve as an effective tool in encouraging drivers to observe and obey traffic control devices at intersections, thereby improving the safety of all motorists and pedestrians.

In the coming weeks, the implementation of a traffic control monitoring system will begin on Route 130 at the intersection with Dutch Neck Road. After installation and final review by state officials, the Township will begin a 30 day test period, issuing formal **warnings** to motorists who fail to obey the traffic signals. Following the 30 day test period, full operation of the traffic monitoring system will commence.

Register Cellular Phones for Reverse 9-1-1

East Windsor residents and businesses can now register cellular phone numbers for the Township reverse 9-1-1 system used to communicate in emergency situations. The Township uses the Mercer County Reverse 9-1-1 System to provide notifications to residents in case of an emergency, as was done during Hurricane Irene. Since that incident, Mayor Mironov has been working with Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes to allow the system to work with cellular phones. As a result of that work, a new system has been created on the Mercer County website to allow for registration by Mercer County residents and businesses of wireless cellular phones not in the database.

To register, go to the Mercer County website at <http://nj.gov/counties/mercerc> and at the top click ALERT – Mercer County Emergency Notification System. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** regardless of your zip code, for Township residents and businesses, you must register **East Windsor Township** as your municipality to receive the proper notices.

New Jersey's "Move-Over" Law

The East Windsor Police Department would like to educate the public and remind all motorists of the State "Move-Over" law, enacted to protect roadside emergency workers. The "Move-Over" law outlines procedures for motorists to follow when approaching stationary authorized emergency vehicles such as police and fire department vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks, and other highway maintenance or emergency services vehicles.

A motorist approaching such a vehicle, which is using emergency colored flashing lights (red, blue, or amber), shall approach the emergency vehicle with due caution and must:

- (1) make a lane change by **moving over** away from the emergency vehicle if existing safety and traffic conditions permit; or
- (2) if a lane change would be unsafe or not permissible by law or existing traffic conditions, the motorist must reduce the speed of their vehicle to a speed less than the posted speed limit, proceed past the emergency vehicle with caution, and be prepared to stop.

Failure to move over or slow down as described is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500.

For additional information and to view a Public Service Announcement for New Jersey's "Move-Over" law residents can visit:

<http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/move-over-law/>

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.



Police

East Windsor Township Participates in Womanspace 2011 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. They are dedicated to improving the quality of life of women and their families.



Mayor Janice Mironov proclaimed December 12 as Womanspace 2011 Communities of Light Day, kicking off the Township's participation in the observance. Pictured (from left to right) are: Chief of Police and Womanspace Board Member William Spain; Womanspace Executive Director Patricia Hart; 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 a background investigation and 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 has been awarded \$6,589 in grant money from the NJ Division of Criminal Justice under 2011 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program and the US Department of Justice 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase body armor for the Police Department.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death in 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.

East Windsor Crime Watch

Crime Watch is a collaborative effort between East Windsor residents and the Township Police Department, geared toward 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.

Fire and Rescue

Firefighters of the Year

Mayor Janice Mironov recognized Volunteer Firefighters of the Year Carl R. Dye, Jr. for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, and Tom Ortega for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Carl R. Dye, Jr., a member of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 since August 9, 2007, currently serves as President and Lieutenant. Carl previously held the position of Vice President and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for two terms and has been a top ten responder every year since 2008, responding to 692 calls, 101 drills and 94 work details, for a total of 1,184 hours. Carl actively serves on several East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 committees, including Chairperson for the Fundraising Committee and Finance Committee.

Tom Ortega, a member of East Windsor Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 since 1993, graduated Firefighter 1 within a year of joining and has since responded to over 1,200 fire calls. Tom currently holds the position of Engineer and has held the position of Vice President for two terms, as well as Chairperson of the Recruitment and Retention of Firefighters Committee and multiple executive committees. Tom is well known for his outstanding training attendance and excellent team work and leadership skills, as demonstrated during emergencies, training sessions, Fire Prevention activities, and company events.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Mark Cohen, President, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2; Barry Rashkin, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2; Tom Ortega, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Fire Fighter of the Year; Mayor Janice Mironov; Carl R. Dye, Jr., East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Fire Fighter of the Year; and Kevin Brink, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

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.

- 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

2012 East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad Officers

Fire Company 1:	Chief – Kevin Brink President – Marvin Lesser
Fire Company 2:	Chief – Barry Rashkin President – Ben Thornton
Rescue Squad 1:	Chief – Scott Prykanowski President – Michael Gargiullo
Rescue Squad 2:	Chief – Tristan Torres President: Kevin Hood

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 28, 2012
Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2012
Labor Day	Monday	September 3, 2012
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8, 2012
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 22, 2012
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday	November 23, 2012
Christmas Day (observed)	Tuesday	December 25, 2012

THE GARBAGE DISTRICT DIRECTORY IS FOUND ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE www.east-windsor.nj.us

Recycling Collection

Recycling dates for 2012 are as follows:

AREA #1

Apr 18	May 2, 16 & 30	June 13 & 27	July 11 & 25	Aug 8 & 22
Sept 5 & 19	Oct 3, 17 & 31	Nov 14 & 28	Dec 12 & 26	

AREA #2

Apr 11 & 25	May 9 & 23	June 6 & 20	July 7 & 18	Aug 1, 15 & 29
Sept 12 & 26	Oct 10 & 24	Nov 7 & 21	Dec 5 & 19	

All dates are Wednesdays - Use the street index, found in the Garbage District Directory on the Township website www.east-windsor.nj.us, to determine your route number.

East Windsor Recycling Day Even Saturday, April 21

Mayor Janice Mironov and Members of Council will hold a special Recycling Day on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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



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 in Lawrence Township on Saturday, July 14 and Saturday, September 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



For further information and a list of acceptable items, visit the Mercer County Improvement Authority web-site:

www.mcia-nj.com/recyclinghazwastedisposal.asp

Recreation

2012 Summer Recreation Camp Programs

- **Sunny Day Camp**

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



- **Recreation Day Camp**

For students entering Grades 2 – 6, this camp will be held at the **Rodgers 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 Grades 4 – 6. 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 Grades 7 – 10. 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**



Full day (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) for children ages 5 – 14, and the Sports Squirts Camp (4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.) for children ages 3 – 5. Camps will run August 13 – 17 and August 20 – 24. 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 6 – 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Field Hockey Camp – US Sports will be offering a field hockey camp for children ages 6 to 14, August 6 – 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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



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 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.

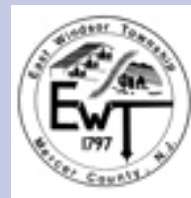
- **Computer Explorers**

Students will participate in 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, lifeguards, 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.

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'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 an application or a letter indicating their area of interest and reasons or related background.

Tennis Lessons

The Recreation Department, in association with US Sports Institute, will be conducting tennis lessons for residents 8 years of age and older. Hour long weekly classes will be held over seven (7) weeks at the Wiltshire Park tennis courts. The classes will begin on April 15.

Following US Tennis Association curriculum, the program is a fast and easy way to develop skills. The program will offer a wide variety of drills and games suited to the ability level and age of every person who attends.

To register, visit www.USSportsInstitute.com.

Golf Lessons

Golf lessons will be conducted at the Applegarth Golf Center by P.G.A. professional Rick Bichsel. The lessons will be held on Thursdays at 4 p.m. and will continue for four weeks, beginning on April 19. The program is offered to students in Grades K – 5. Contact the Recreation Office for registration information.



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, aged 60 and older, who reside in East Windsor Township or Hightstown Borough.

Programs and Activities at the Senior Center include:

- Ballroom Dancing Fridays at 10 a.m.
- Needleworks Club Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Bingo Monday thru Fridays at 10 a.m.
- Blood Pressure screenings first Monday of the month.
- Bowling League 3rd Thursday at 1p.m.
- Bridge, cards, games, billiards daily
- Computer tutoring.
- Conversational Chinese Tuesday 1 p.m.
- Core balance and strength class Tuesdays at 2p.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m.
- Crafts Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Current events discussion group Thursdays at 2 p.m.
- Digital photography classes Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- Ebay classes
- Exercise classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and exercise to video every afternoon
- Line Dancing Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Piano Lessons every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- Prize Bingo – 1st Monday at 12:30 p.m.
- Spanish class – Wednesdays at 1 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 p.m.
- Yoga Mondays at 9:15 a.m. and Fridays at 11:15 a.m.
- Zumba Dance Club Wednesdays 3 p.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, Screenings and Lectures

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

Osteoporosis Screening

Tuesday, April 24, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Most people don't know they have osteoporosis until suffering a fracture. If identified early, this potentially debilitating disease can be treated with simple self-help measures and medication.

How to Communicate With Your Doctor!

Wednesday, April 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

A short presentation on how to deal with your physician.

Writing Workshop

Mondays, April 30 through May 21, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

A 4 week class on how to write prose for the joy of it. (This is not a poetry class)

What is Unclaimed Property and Is There Some Out There For You?

Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Would you like to know if the New Jersey Claimed property Office is holding financial assets for you?

Preparing for Long-Term Care and is Pre-Planning a Funeral Necessary?

Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 am – 11:30 a.m.

This informative talk answers many questions about a topic that is often avoided.

Glucose & Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesday, May 29, 9 -10:30 a.m.

Get an immediate glucose reading. Blood pressure screening is also available.

Personal Safety

Wednesday, June 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join our speaker for this workshop on being safe at all times.

Depression and Aging

Wednesday, June 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Worried about being depressed or know someone in your circle who is suffering from depression? This talk will enlighten you on this subject.

Medigap Policies and Medicare RX Plans

Monday, July 16, 1 p.m.

Laughter Fitness Training

Wednesday, August 22, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Enrollment Information for Medicare Advantage Plans

Wednesday September 19, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Senior Center

Parties and Events

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CLUB CELEBRATIONS

SPRINGTIME SQUARE DANCE PARTY

Monday, April 23, 1 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and dance.

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Tuesday, May 1 starting at 9 a.m.

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

SQUARE DANCE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY

Friday, July 6, 1 p.m.

Make your own fireworks dancing the afternoon away.

SUMMER PICNIC

Friday, July 27, 12 p.m.

Enjoy an old time picnic and enjoy the music of the Blue Smoke Band once again.

ELVIS DAY PARTY

Monday, August 13, 1 p.m.

Time to remember the king with a swinging party and a great Elvis impersonator.

END OF SUMMER SQUARE DANCE PARTY

Monday, September 10, 1 p.m.

Let the summer end, we don't care because we will be dancing the afternoon away!

Senior Citizen Photo Identification Day

Mayor Mironov and Council Members present Photo Identification Day on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday August 1 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Township Senior Center. For information call 371-7192.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

Defensive Driving Class: This course will be offered 4 times a year in March, June, September and December from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Senior Center. Upon completion of this course, students receive a "certification of completion" which when sent to their automobile insurance company, may entitle them to a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance for three years. Also a 2 point reduction from their Motor Vehicle Bureau record may be applicable. Membership in AARP is not required, but students must pre-register. Class size is limited and the course must be taken every three years for the insurance discount. Call the senior center for dates. **Next Class: June 11 and 13.**

Trips

April 16: Mount Airy Casino: \$30.00

Spend the day at the beautiful Mount Airy Casino and enjoy lunch on your own. Package: \$25.00 slot cash, \$10.00 food voucher.

April 26: Algonquin Arts Gizmo Guys: \$8.50 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation.

May 2: SurfFlight Theater The Rat Pack: \$54.00 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Enjoy a musical salute to the hippest cats of all time... the Rat Pack. A full lunch is included in this price.

May 10: Peddler's Village Breakfast and BINGO: \$16.50 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Start off with a breakfast buffet at the Cock and Bull restaurant while enjoying BINGO and a fashion show, then spend a couple of hours shopping on your own.

May 25: NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial: \$2.00 admission and 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Take a guided tour of the memorial, the museum and the Education Center. Lunch on your own at an area restaurant following the tour.

June 4: Atlantic City Casino: \$22.00

Play at the casino, sun on the beach, take a dip in the ocean, shop the outlets or just walk the boardwalk.

June 8: Point Pleasant: 50 cents for the community bus transportation.

June 21: Ocean Theater Man Of La Mancha : \$44.00 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Come watch this play within a play that tells the passionate tale of Don Quixote starring John Davidson. A full lunch is included in this price.

July 10: River lady Lunch Cruise: Cost \$32.00 Spend a delightful summer day enjoying the sunshine and bay breezes as you cruise on an authentic reproduction of a paddlewheel boat.

July 25: SurfFlight Theater The Sound of Music: \$54.00 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Thrill to the music and the story of the Von Trapp Family. A full lunch is included in this price.

August 14: Ocean Theater Gypsy: \$44.00 plus 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Take in this musical version of the career of Gypsy Rose Lee and her overbearing stage mother, Rose. A full lunch is included in this price.

August 24: Point Pleasant: 50 cents for the community bus transportation. Don't let the summer end without another fun day at the Jersey shore.

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