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New Jersey Needs Property Tax Reform & Relief!

N*ew Jersey retains the dubious distinction of ranking as the most heavily burdened Property Tax State in the entire nation.*

So why is this not the top subject of discussion by our State officials and what are some of the State actions which drive up local property taxes?

First, it is past time that the State must make fundamental changes in how we pay for government and for schools. New Jersey's extraordinary over-reliance on the property tax to fund local governments and school districts does not relate to a person's ability to pay, thereby placing a tremendous and unfair burden on homeowners. Escalating property taxes drive out of our towns retirees and senior citizens on fixed incomes who can no longer afford to stay in their homes, and make it difficult for young families or anyone to afford to live in New Jersey. In fact, a recent study found that New Jersey ranks *Numero Uno* in the country in people moving out of state.

Second, the State should restore to municipalities and local property taxpayers Energy Tax Receipts diverted by the State to pay for state spending. Taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities. When the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to return to towns all proceeds for municipal property tax relief.

For many years, however, State officials of both political parties have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs. Thus, instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset local property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit. The cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes.

Third, the State should stop using Clean Energy Fund and Recycling Tonnage grant monies to support the State budget spending. Over the past three years, more than \$800 million and for FY2014, an additional \$194 million from the Clean Energy Fund has been used to plug State budget gaps. In addition, the State has scooped up money from environmental funds that provides grants to towns and encourages recycling and another that pays for damages caused by operating or closing landfills. If the proposed state budget is approved, more than \$1.2 billion will have been diverted from environmental funds since 2010.

Fourth, the State should stop efforts to seize municipal Housing Trust Funds. Whether you concur with the Mt. Laurel decisions or not, we can agree that there is a societal need to address housing affordability in our communities and that regardless of how this is addressed, the burden should not fall on local property taxpayers. On May 1, the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) met for the first time in over two years to begin State efforts to seize an estimated \$160 million dollars of municipal affordable housing trust funds. This funding is anticipated as general revenue in the current budget, so that the State can use this funding to offset budget shortfalls or spend on completely unrelated programs.

The affordable housing trust funds are collected by municipalities from developer fees to subsidize the provision of affordable housing. They are meant to assist municipalities in meeting their State mandated housing obligations and to provide a revenue source that is not dependent on the property tax. If the State is successful in taking this funding, it does not remove the State imposed obligations to provide affordable housing, but merely pushes that financial obligation onto property taxpayers and places further mandates on local governments.

It is time to stop the State efforts to seize this funding and, instead, partner with local leaders to develop and implement a statewide affordable housing policy that is rational, achievable and does not perpetuate a financial obligation to our taxpayers.

I have run out of space for fifth, sixth, seventh – but you get the point. While there is lots of talk in Trenton about “no new taxes,” they are certainly not talking about all of the State actions and practices which continue to drive up local property taxes.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov

Mayor and Council

East Windsor Mayor Janice S. Mironov Elected 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 Janice S. Mironov also is a member of the League's Legislative Committee, Resolutions Committee and Economic Development Task Force, Chairperson of the League's Statutory Funding Compliance Committee (working for restoration of Municipal Energy Tax Receipts), Chairperson of the League's Housing Policy Committee, Co-Chairperson of the League's Energy Policy Committee, and a Member of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Executive Board.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov (left) swears in Council Member Alan Rosenberg (right) as Deputy Mayor at the Township annual reorganization meeting.

NJ Green Acres Program Awards Township \$325,000 Grant for Open Space Preservation

The \$325,000 grant was approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust. The funding will be used by the Township to acquire additional open space sites listed in the state-approved Township *Open Space and Recreation Plan*. There are several parcels being considered for open space acquisition including on Old York Road, Airport Road, Etra Road and Cedarville Road.

Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno Host Business Event

Mayor Janice S. Mironov was joined by New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno in hosting a New Jersey League of Municipalities-sponsored special business event held at the East Windsor Senior Center. The event, attended by State and local officials and members of the business community, was initiated to provide specific information on State resources, financial tools and incentives available to local officials to help support and attract business. Lieutenant Governor Guadagno assembled a panel of representatives for the event from various State agencies to speak about the many programs and tools they offer to the business community.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov (on left) is sworn in as President of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities by New Jersey State Senator Linda Greenstein (on right).

Township Holds Annual Reorganization Meeting

Janice S. Mironov was sworn in as Mayor and Alan Rosenberg was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for 2013. Several volunteers were also recognized for their many years of service on Township Boards and Commissions.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov was sworn in as Mayor at the Township annual reorganization meeting. Pictured (from left to right): Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Council Member Perry Shapiro, and Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes.

National Night Out - August 6

Mark your calendars! National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6 from 6 to 9 p.m., at the East Windsor Police Athletic League Complex on 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.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov welcomes New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno to the East Windsor Senior Center for the locally hosted Business Program. Pictured (from left to right) are: NJ Business Action Center Director of Small Business Advocacy Elizabeth Mackay; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, and NJ Business Action Center Acting Executive Director Mike Van Wagner.

Mayor and Council

Independence Day Celebration July 3



Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members invite area residents to attend the Township Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 (rain date Friday, July 5) at Etra Lake Park. The event

will begin at 6 p.m. with live entertainment. An exciting fireworks display will follow.

Township Awarded \$200,000 Housing Rehabilitation Grant

East Windsor Township was awarded a \$200,000 NJ Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to undertake a township-wide housing rehabilitation program to assist low and moderate income single family homeowners to make needed home repairs and improvements. The program provides up to \$15,000 in funding for qualified approved homeowners, to correct existing interior and exterior health, safety and code violations in their home. Eligible improvements include replacement or substantial repair of roofs, foundations, heating and electrical systems, plumbing system components, lead based paint remediation, and /or structural repairs. Weatherization improvements such as windows and insulation also are eligible. Funds are provided as a no interest deferred loan, with no monthly payments and no interest. The amount is not due or payable until sale or transfer of title and only for the exact amount. There is no cost to apply. For more information or an application package, contact the Township's Agent at Community Grants Planning & Housing at 609-371-1968 or email maryalice@cgph.net.

Summer Events at Etra Lake Park

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

Sunday, July 21 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 27 7 p.m.

PROGRAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Sunday, August 11 6 p.m. *Real Diamonds*

Real Diamonds is a ten musician band that performs tributes to all of the most popular Neil Diamond songs.

Saturday, August 17 7 p.m. *Family Night in the Park*

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

Coming Soon: Community Garden

The Township is developing a Community Garden adjacent to the Disbrow Hill Fields, across from Etra Lake Park. Residents will have the opportunity for this fall to rent a 20 x 20 foot plot to establish a garden. Interested residents should stay alerted for details via the Township website or E-News updates.

Township Celebrates National Volunteer Week

Mayor Janice S. Mironov proclaimed National Volunteer Week April 21 to 27 and recognized the East Windsor Township Commission on Aging and Senior Center volunteers. Mayor Mironov praised the members of the Commission on Aging for assisting in the development, coordination and integration of many programs and services available to local senior citizens. The Mayor also thanked and presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers to the Township Senior Center for their valuable contributions.



Mayor and Council

Township Recognized by Sustainable Jersey

East Windsor Township was recognized for achieving bronze level Sustainable Jersey certification at the annual Sustainable Jersey Special Recognition Ceremony on January 29. Sustainable Jersey is a certification program that supports community efforts to improve the environment by providing New Jersey municipalities with tools and training, and financial incentives to support and reward communities as they pursue sustainability programs. The Township earned the minimum of 150 action points, including priority actions and creation of a municipal Green Team, to be certified. Programs and actions undertaken by Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members include creation of a farmland preservation plan, inventory and upgrade of municipal buildings for energy efficiency, community recycling/paper shredding events, Buy Local campaign, "Cut it and Leave it" program, backyard composting program, tree protection ordinance, environmental assessment ordinance, sustainable land use commitment, green building policy and community outreach programs.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov accepts an award at the Sustainable Jersey Special Recognition Ceremony in recognition of East Windsor Township's Bronze Level Certification. Pictured (from left to right) are: Sustainable Jersey Co-Director Donna Drewes; Sustainable Jersey Chairperson Pam Mount; Council Member/Environmental Commission Liaison/Green Team Member John Zoller; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Planning Board Chairperson/Environmental Commission Member/Green Team Member Edward Kelley, and Sustainable Jersey Co-Director Randall Solomon.

Township Recognizes Recycling Poster Contest Winners

Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognized elementary school winners of the Township Earth Day recycling poster contest. The poster contest theme was to promote the 4 R's of the Township Recycling Program: "Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Rebuy." Winners, selected by a committee consisting of Edward Kelley (Planning Board Chairperson and Environmental Commission Member), Leslie Koppel (Executive Director of RISE) and Chief of Police James Monahan, received Mayoral Certificates of Recognition and gift certificates for Barnes and Noble, donated by corporate sponsor Shiseido America.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognizes the first place student winners of the Township Earth Day Recycling Poster Contest. Pictured (from left to right) are: (front row) ERIN MADRILEJOS McKnight School, Grade K-2; KOLINKAR ROY, Black School, Grade K-2; MAEVE MCGOWAN, McKnight School, Grade 3-5; ANUSHKA NAYAK, Rogers School, Grade K-2; (back row) AADARSH RAMAKRISHNAN, Black School, Grade 3-5; KEERTHI KANNAN, Drew School, Grade K-2; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; JAS SARNA, Rogers School, Grade 3-5; and ADITI HARIHARAN, Drew School, Grade 3-5



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognized the Grace N. Rogers School student winners of the Township Earth Day Recycling Poster Contest and presented the Earth Day Mayoral Proclamation to the Rogers School as the elementary school with the most student participation in the Recycling Poster Contest. Pictured (from left to right) are: Ella Radigan, 2nd place winner, (Grade 3-5); Meredith Hoeflinger, 3rd place winner (Grade K-2); East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov; Jas Sarna, 1st place winner, (Grade 3-5); Sarah Sarna, 3rd place winner, (Grade K-2); Anushka Nayak, 1st place winner, (Grade K-2) and Riya Patel, 2nd place winner, (Grade K-2).

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

Mayor and Council

NJ Turnpike Area Study

The Township awarded a grant funded contract for “New Jersey Turnpike Exit 8 Transportation and Development Study” to planning consultant Taylor Design Group, based in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, who is partnering with AECOM. The project, funded by a \$100,000 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation and Community Development Initiative grant, is examining the impacts to circulation and development for the surrounding area of the relocated and expanded East Windsor Exit 8 interchange of the New Jersey Turnpike.

Township Recognizes Suggestion Box Contest Winners

East Windsor recognized Melvin H. Kreps Middle School student winners of Township Clean Communities Suggestion box contest, “How to Increase the Amount of Recycling in Our Community.” Mayor Janice S. Mironov presented the winners with certificates of recognition and Barnes and Noble gift certificates, donated by Shiseido America. The student winners are: 1st Place Winner **Simrit Grewal**; 2nd Place Winner **Rahul Kamat**, and 3rd Place Winner **Harish Ragindran**.



Township Celebrates Women’s History Month

Mayor Janice S. Mironov proclaimed March *Women’s History Month* and recognized Mercer County elected officials Mercer County Freeholders Ann Cannon and Lucylle Walter, and Mercer County Surrogate Diane Gerofsky. The Proclamation states, “The contributions made by women to our civic, political and cultural life throughout the history of the United States, the State of New Jersey and the Township of East Windsor are noteworthy and have benefited all of us.”



Township Proclaims April Alcohol Awareness Month

Mayor Janice S. Mironov Proclaimed April “*Alcohol Awareness Month*” and presented a Mayoral Proclamation and a \$1,000 check from a grant awarded to the East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse to East Windsor Regional School District Hightstown High School After Prom Committee Co-Chairpersons Linda Heller and Nancy Solarski. Mayor Mironov praised members of the After Prom Committee for their excellent efforts in providing a safe and substance free environment for the young people in our community on their special prom night.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov proclaims Alcohol Awareness Month and recognizes East Windsor Regional School District Hightstown High School After Prom Committee. Pictured (from left to right) are: After Prom Committee Co-Chairpersons Nancy Solarski and Linda Heller; Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and Council Member Peter Yeager, Coordinator, East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

Register Cell Phones for Township Reverse 9-1-1 System

East Windsor residents are reminded they can register cellular phone numbers for the Township Reverse 9-1-1 System used to communicate in emergency situations, as was done during Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy. This accommodation was achieved by Mayor Janice Mironov through Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes after Hurricane Irene. Home phones already are part of the system database. Go to <https://mercercounty.onthealert.com>.

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.

Mayor and Council

Clean Communities Committee Adopt-A-Spot Wrap Up

East Windsor Clean Communities Committee held an Adopt-A-Spot wrap-up event to recognize and thank participants. Under the program, participating groups “adopt” a public property and keep it clean during the year. A placard is erected on the site indicating that it has been “adopted by” with the name of the group. The groups are expected to perform clean-up 3 times a month from April 1 through November 1. Congratulations to the 2012 Adopt-A-Spot participants: Cub Scout Pack 53, Girl Scout Troop 70153, Girl Scout Troop 71693, Girl Scout Troop 70342, Girl Scout Troop 71426, Boy Scout Troop 59, Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor Police Athletic League, Boy Scout Troop 5700 and the Casciano Family. To participate in the 2013 Adopt-A-Spot program, interested groups should send a letter to East Windsor Clean Communities Committee, ATTN: MAYOR’S OFFICE, 16 Lanning Boulevard, East Windsor, NJ 08520.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognizes 2012 Adopt-A-Spot program participant **Boy Scout Troop 59**. Pictured (from left to right) are: front row – Tyler Shumsky; John O’Brien; Chirayu Gupta; back row – Assistant Scoutmaster Bob Gerrits; Max Tootleman; Daniel Gerrits; Assistant Scoutmaster Tony Catana; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Scoutmaster Sandy Tootleman, and Sam Tootleman.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognizes 2012 Adopt-A-Spot program participants **Girl Scout Troops 70342, 71426 and 71693**. Pictured (from left to right) are: standing – Sindhu Inala; Sara Whitlock; Megan Bertrand; Fiona Misiura; Ashley Field; Nicole Masone; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Claire Wroblewski; Maya Benson; Alyssa Koshy, and Megan McConnell; kneeling – Kayla Chikosky; Emily Brieva-Giacchi; Julia Kim; Emily Kim, and Troop 71426 Leader Lauren Kim.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Turnpike Widening Project

New Turnpike East Windsor Interchange 8 is fully open with access to the new toll plaza relocated to the east side of the Turnpike via ramps in the vicinity of the Route 33/Route 133 intersection. Recently installed traffic signals will enable vehicles to and from Route 33 and Route 133 to safely access and exit the New Jersey Turnpike. Completion of the new bridge linking the NJ Turnpike access and Route 133 is scheduled for summer 2013. The entire New Jersey Turnpike Widening Project remains set for completion in mid-2014. At the completion of the project, there will be a 12-lane dual-dual car-truck roadway from Interchange 6 to Interchange 9. For additional widening project details and updates, visit www.njturnpikewidening.com, or call the Widening Program’s question line at 1-877-658-9433.

Dutch Neck Road

Roadway improvements to Dutch Neck Road, between Hickory Corner Road and Oak Creek Road, funded by a \$225,000 NJ Department of Transportation grant, were recently completed. The work included resurfacing, replacement of concrete curbs and aprons, construction of handicapped ramps and installation of bicycle safe grates.

Feldsher Road

Roadway improvements to Feldsher Road were recently completed. The work included reconstruction, resurfacing, installation of a guard rail, striping and drainage improvements.

Yorkshire Drive

The Township was awarded a \$249,500 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for roadway improvements to the entire length of Yorkshire Drive. The funding, successfully obtained by Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members, will be used for milling and resurfacing, as well as repairs to curbs, driveway aprons and handicapped ramps. The construction work will be undertaken over the summer.

Princeton Hightstown Road

The Township was awarded a \$124,000 Transportation Enhancements grant by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Princeton Hightstown Road (County Route 571). The Streets to Transit grant will be used to develop sidewalks and related improvements along Princeton Hightstown Road. The goal of the Transportation Enhancement Program is to foster more livable communities by promoting more alternative modes of transportation.

Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Realignment

Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road intersection improvements are advancing, with fully engineered construction plans completed and all necessary permits and applications filed with the NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) and NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Previously, the DOT had approved a preliminary concept plan for the project, and the DEP has issued a wetlands Letter of Interpretation. The plan, long advocated by East Windsor officials as a safety improvement and to facilitate traffic flow, would re-align the intersection so that Route 130, Hankins Road and Conover Road would meet at a single point controlled by the traffic signal and allow for all left-turn movements. All engineering design costs are being paid for by a Township developer funded transportation improvement program.

Mayor and Council

BUSINESS NEWS

SHISEIDO AMERICA is expanding their East Windsor facility on Princeton Hightstown Road. Shiseido America is a subsidiary of the Japanese-based corporation Shiseido Company LTD, which is the fourth largest cosmetics company in the world and develops upscale cosmetics, sun care products, fragrances and professional salon hair care products. Shiseido America established its operations in East Windsor in 1998 and serves as a manufacturing center for the company. The nearly 73,000 square foot expansion of the current 211,000 square foot facility includes a major addition to the existing warehouse building, additional parking spaces and an expanded loading area. The expansion will allow the company to handle a gradual shift of distribution from their Oakland, NJ facility to East Windsor. The East Windsor facility currently employs approximately 150 full time employees, up to 150 temporary employees and is planning for an additional 10 full time employees with the expansion. Shiseido anticipates completion of all work by mid-summer 2013.



Township officials participate in the groundbreaking of Shiseido America's expansion of their East Windsor facility. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member Hector Duke; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Shiseido America President and Chief Operating Officer Edward Houlihan, and Shiseido America Senior Vice President Yoshikumi Fukuchi.

RAINBOW ACADEMY CHILD CARE FACILITY has received Planning Board approval to construct a 10,032 square foot daycare facility on Route 130 North at the intersection of Old Cranbury Road. The Rainbow Academy franchise first opened its doors in 1997 and has 13 New Jersey locations. The East Windsor location will have 35 employees and can accommodate 189 pre-school students. The school, which will include a small outdoor play area, is planning a fall 2013 opening.

SPOTLIGHT EAST WINDSOR

Spotlight East Windsor, Ask the Mayor, with Mayor Janice S. 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 Business Awards

The 2012 Township Business Awards were presented to **Dairy Queen**, **Moe's Southwest Grill** and **Pak Mail** by Mayor Janice S. Mironov. These awards were made to three Township small businesses which have exhibited commendable local spirit and been strong participants and supporters of the community, by way of contributions to organizations such as East Windsor PAL, HEWYBL, local Fire Companies, East Windsor Regional School District events, East Windsor Senior Center, East Windsor Clean Communities events, and East Windsor National Night Out. Dairy Queen, operated by **George Vardakis**, will celebrate 50 years in East Windsor in 2014. Moe's Southwest Grill, operated by **Bhadresh Patel**, opened in 2007. Pak Mail, owned by **Michael Baskin**, just celebrated 5 years in East Windsor. The purpose of the annual award program is to recognize local businesses that have made special efforts to improve or contribute to the community.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognized three local businesses for their contributions to the East Windsor community. Pictured (from left to right) are: Pak Mail owner Michael Baskin; Dairy Queen owner George Vardakis; Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and Moe's Southwest Grill owner Bhadresh Patel.

New Business

INTENT GROUP, a computer company, opened at 658 Etra Road. The business, owned and operated for 13 years by President Eugene Chertkov, has relocated from Cranbury Township to two existing 15,000 square foot buildings on the 2.5 acre site, previously occupied by Sunset Hill School of Wine. Intent Group, a distributor of new and refurbished computers and computer devices such as laptops and tablets throughout the United States and internationally, currently has contracts with Toshiba, Hewlett-Packard, Acer, and Dell.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Intent Group. Pictured (from left to right) are: Intent Group General Manager Yuriy Martyniuk; Intent Group Account Manager Amal Mustafa; Intent Group President Eugene Chertkov; Intent Group Account Manager Dmitriy Slabodinuk; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Council Member John Zoller, and Council Member Perry Shapiro.

Mayor and Council

BOTTLE KING opened a discount liquor store on Route 130 North, just south of the Americana Diner, in a vacant 16,750 square foot building. Bottle King offers a variety of products, including wines from all over the world and beers from both small and large breweries. Bottle King has 14 other New Jersey locations and is the largest New Jersey retailer of wine, beer and spirits. In 2011, East Windsor Township awarded the sale of a new plenary retail distribution liquor license to Bottle King for \$475,000 in a public bidding process.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Bottle King. Pictured (from left to right) are: Phelps Construction Group Project Manager Paul Perry; Council Member John Zoller; Bottle King Corporate Manager Andreas Kertes; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Bottle King Store Manager Juan Olan; Bottle King Assistant Store Manager Jake Smith, and Phelps Construction Group Project Superintendent Luke Stefanacci.

MODERN DENTAL CARE was opened by Dr. Polina Barenbaum on Route 130 North, between Bottle King and Americana Diner. The new East Windsor dental office offers an array of general dental services including preventative care, periodontics and endodontics, as well as a variety of cosmetic services including whitening and bonding.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov (right) and Council Member Peter Yeager (left) celebrate the grand opening of Modern Dental Care with Dr. Polina Barenbaum (center).

LET'S YO YOGURT opened in the East Windsor Town Center Plaza Shopping Center on Route 130 North, between PetValu and My Hometown Furniture. Let's Yo Yogurt is a self-serve frozen yogurt experience where customers can choose from a variety of flavors and toppings to create a unique yogurt dish. The new store in East Windsor is the company's 25th location of which 24 are in New Jersey (one in Florida), including in Princeton and Freehold.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Let's Yo Yogurt. Pictured (from left to right) are: Let's Yo Yogurt Store Owner Jim Emrich; Let's Yo Yogurt Store Manager Maria Emrich; the owner's children Kerry, Timmy and Joey Emrich; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Council Member Hector Duke; Council Member John Zoller, and Council Member Perry Shapiro.

ALL SMILES FAMILY DENTAL, operated by Dr. Anjali Shah, opened offices next to Party City in the Town Center Shopping Center on Route 130 South. The new East Windsor dental office offers comprehensive and specialized dental services including tooth colored fillings, implants, veneers, bridges, dentures, root canals and periodontics.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of All Smiles Family Dental. Pictured (from left to right) are: All Smiles Family Dental Receptionist Jennifer Soto; Dr. Anjali Shah; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Dr. Shah's children Shaina and Shailee Shah, and Dr. Shah's husband Bhavan Shah.

Police

East Windsor Participates in Womanspace “Communities of Light”

Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Council Members, Police Officers and members of the East Windsor Domestic Violence Victim Response Team participated with residents in the Township Womanspace “Communities of Light” event at the Municipal Building. The purpose of “Communities of Light” is to raise funds for domestic violence victim service provider Womanspace as well as raise public awareness about the important subject of domestic violence and available victim resources. Participants purchased luminary kits at Gold’s Gym and Fulton Bank and joined together to light candles around the perimeter of the Municipal Building.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, hosted a symbolic tree lighting ceremony with representatives of Womanspace. Pictured (from left to right) are: Alison Daks, Coordinator of Sexual Assault Support Services for Womanspace; Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Police Chief James Monahan, and Council Member Perry Shapiro.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members along with members of the East Windsor Domestic Violence Victim Response Team participated in “Communities of Light.” Pictured (from left to right) are: Team Members Lois Hennon, Susan Hartman, Linda Moore, and Council Member Rita Teubner, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Council Member Perry Shapiro, Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon, Council Member John Zoller, former Council Member Walter T. Daniels, Jr., and Council Member Alan Rosenberg.

Township Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Janice S. Mironov and local officials, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), hosted a Tree Lighting Ceremony with representatives of Womanspace, including program coordinator Alison Daks. The tree, which sits along One Mile Road outside the Police/Court Building, was decorated with teal lights to symbolize the community’s commitment to sexual assault awareness, deterrence and prevention. This year’s theme for SAAM is “Choose Respect.” Womanspace is the primary Mercer County based organization providing a comprehensive array of services to individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Office of Animal Control: Dog Licensing

Residents are reminded that all dogs over 6 months of age, residing in the Township, are to be licensed each year. Dog Licenses are valid for the current calendar year and expire yearly on December 31. Licensing information may be obtained in person at the Township Clerk’s office or by calling 443-4000, ext. 237.

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

Help Discourage Car Burglaries

The Police Department is asking residents to help discourage vehicle burglaries by locking your car when it is left unattended or parked for the evening. The great majority of thefts involve vehicles that have been left unlocked overnight at the victim’s residence. It is also a good practice to conceal any valuable items left inside the vehicle from easy public view, eliminating the temptation for an opportunistic thief to break in. The simple step of locking your car can prevent the loss of valuables and the inconvenience of cancelling and replacing important documents.

Police

East Windsor Township Urges Motorists to “Put the Phone Down”

According to the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, it is estimated that 25% of all police-reported traffic accidents are accountable to a variety of driving distractions, including the use of hand-held cellular phones. The use of hand-held communication devices while driving in New Jersey has been prohibited by state law since March 1, 2008. The East Windsor Police Department wants to remind all drivers that this law was enacted for the safety of all motoring public and pedestrians and urge motorists to follow these basic **Cell Phone Safety Tips**:

1. Turn your phone off or put the ringer on silent to avoid the urge to answer.
2. Put your phone in a secure location that is easily accessible only in case of emergency.
3. Never dial while driving, move to a safe area off of the roadway.
4. Use a hands-free unit so both hands remain on the steering wheel at all times.
5. Prior to driving, set up your voice-mail to take messages.
6. Never text while driving...there is NO message more important than the value of human life.

Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Volunteers Needed

The Police Department, in collaboration with Womanspace, is recruiting volunteers for the Domestic Violence Victim Response Team. The team members will work in conjunction with the police to provide support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence incident.

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

Applications can be picked up at the Police Building. Interested citizens should contact Detective Joseph Gorski at (609) 448-5678, ext. 231.

Township Crime Watch Group

The East Windsor Township Crime Watch Group is a collaborative effort between East Windsor Township residents and members of the Township Police Department. The Crime Watch Group meets regularly and is intended to keep residents informed and alert to activities within their neighborhoods. The Crime Watch Group is always seeking new volunteers to contribute towards keeping East Windsor a safe place to live and work.

Regularly scheduled meetings take place on the last Monday of each month at the Police/Court Building at 80 One Mile Road.

For more information, contact Detective Joseph Gorski at (609) 448-5678, ext. 231.

Craigslist/Internet Scams

The Police Department is reminding residents that scams primarily originate from online job searches and buying and selling on sites such as Craigslist. Be wary of opportunities which are offered such as “secret shopper” positions and any offers which involve accepting goods or services which you have not paid for and then forwarding money or merchandise to a third party. Common Craigslist scams involve individuals offering to purchase your item sight unseen, often for more than the asking price, then arranging shipping through intermediaries. The check or money order payment is discovered to be counterfeit after the goods are shipped or “accidental overages” are refunded.

Remember, if it would sound too good to be true in person, it is probably too good to be true on the internet. If it requires you to withdraw your own money from your bank account (even if you deposited money sent to you from a stranger prior to this), you are likely on your way to being victimized.

Township Sponsors Gun Safety Program

In March, a Gun Safety Program was sponsored wherein gun locks were distributed 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.

Fire and Rescue

Firefighters of the Year

East Windsor honored “Firefighters of the Year” **James McCann of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1** and **Eric Coran of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2**, who were presented with proclamations from Mayor Janice S. Mironov during “Fire Prevention Week.” **James McCann** joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 in 1997 and has served as Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Lieutenant, and Company Trustee for the past 14 years. He is active in several county and statewide agencies including the Mercer County Active Chiefs, the Tri-County Suburban Chiefs and the International Chiefs organization. James McCann is also the Director of the Mercer County Fire Academy, where he works directly with Mercer County Community College in organizing the curriculum for firefighters in the surrounding area. **Eric Coran**, who has served as Deputy Chief since 2007, joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 in 1996. He previously held the positions of Secretary, Engineer, and multiple terms as Lieutenant and President. Eric Coran has responded to over 2,400 fire calls and attended 253 community events and fire prevention activities. He also has attended over 400 training drills and has an active leadership role in firefighter training and company communications.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov honors East Windsor Firefighters of the Year. Pictured (from left to right) are: Marvin Lesser, President, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; Kevin Brink, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; James McCann, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Fire Fighter of the Year; East Windsor Mayor Janice Mironov; Eric Coran, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Fire Fighter of the Year; Barry Rashkin, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, and Ben Thornton, President, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Fire Company No. 2 Receives \$45,000 Grant

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 was awarded a \$45,000 Grant for the purchase and installation of a complete breathing air fill containment compressor station, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistant to Firefighters Grant program. The new equipment will provide the ability to fill breathing apparatus cylinders in a safe and timely manner, in accordance with National

Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) specifications, and will be available to all mutual aid fire companies during emergencies.

Township Receives \$183,286 Firefighters Communication Grant

Township received a \$183,286 grant for purchase of firefighter communications equipment as a participant in a regional program. The new equipment, which is compliant with Federal 2013 narrowbanding requirements, will enhance the communication abilities of the Township public safety services with agencies throughout the County. The Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant, awarded through Hamilton Fire District 3 as the lead agency, is for the purchase of new 12.5 kilohertz efficiency radio systems. East Windsor’s local share for the total \$229,107 cost and to install the equipment is 20%, offset further by \$10,500 negotiated with Mercer County for the sale of previously authorized equipment.

2013 East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad Officers

- Fire Company 1: Chief – Kevin Brink
President – Gerald Laughlin, Jr.
- Fire Company 2: Chief – Eric Coran
President – Ben Thornton
- Rescue Squad 1: Chief – Scott Prykanowski
President – Jeff Shanker
- Rescue Squad 2: Chief – Tristan Torres
President – Amanda Brooks

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
- Fire Company No. 2 443-5130 www.ewvfc2.org
- Rescue, District I 448-6321 www.squad142.com
- Rescue, District II 448-8992 www.squad146.com

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
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2013
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2013
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2013
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2013
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday	November 29, 2013
Christmas Day (observed)	Wednesday	December 25, 2013

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

2013 Recycling Collection Dates

AREA #1

June 26 July 10 & 24 Aug 7 & 21 Sept 4 & 18 Oct 2, 16, & 30
 Nov13 & 27 Dec 11 & *28

AREA #2

July 3, 17 & 31 Aug 14 & 28 Sept 11 & 25 Oct 9 & 23 Nov 6 & 20
 Dec 4 & 18 *Jan 4, 2014

*Special Note: Wednesday, Dec. 25 there is no collection. The make up day is Saturday, Dec. 28.
 Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 there is no collection. The make up day is Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014.

Special Recycling Day—September 28

East Windsor Township will hold Recycling Day on **Saturday, September 28 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the East Windsor Senior Center**, located at 40 Lanning Boulevard. This Township event is sponsored by Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Members of Council, in conjunction with the East Windsor Clean Communities Committee. Free document shredding will be available to East Windsor residents. There is a limit of ten boxes per household, and no commercial drop-offs are permitted. Residents also will be able to drop off cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and toner cartridges, as well as used electronics, computers, computer equipment and televisions. The East Windsor/Hightstown Lions Club will be collecting used eye glasses. The Rescue Mission of Trenton will have trucks on-site to collect clothing, blankets, 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 website:

www.mcyanj.org

Recreation

2013 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 Grades 2 – 6, 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 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, trips to the Jersey Shore 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 a.m. – 4 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.USsportsinstitute.com

2013 Community Events Sponsors

East Windsor Township thanks the following community businesses that have financially sponsored the 2013 community events.

PLATINUM SUPPORTER

Comcast
 First Choice Bank
 Hamilton Honda

GOLD SUPPORTER

Conair Corporation
 Delaware Valley OBGYN
 Shiseido Corporation
 Windsor Nissan

SILVER SUPPORTER

Holiday Inn of East Windsor and
 Days Inn of East Windsor
 John Mayorek

BRONZE SUPPORTER

Art & Frame Express
 Corner Copia
 Corner of Chaos
 Hampton Inn of East Windsor
 Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa
 Moe's Southwest Grill
 Pak Mail
 Saker Shop Rites
 Steven Harris, DDS
 Sushi King
 Windsor Green Cleaners

SPONSOR

Personal Paperwork Solutions

Local businesses which would like to become a community partner by sponsoring Township community events can contact the Recreation Department at 443-4000, ext. 225.



Senior Center

Visit the East Windsor Township Senior Center located at 40 Lanning Blvd. The state-of-the-art facility has many classes, events and activities to offer Senior Citizens 60 years old and over who reside in East Windsor or Hightstown Borough. Contact the Senior Center at 371-7192 for further information.

Programs and Activities

- ⇒ Ballroom Dancing Fridays at 10:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Birthday Club once a month at 12:15 p.m.
- ⇒ Bowling League 3rd Thurs of the month 1:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Billiards, Cards, Conversations, Friendship, Games, TV, daily FREE
- ⇒ Computer Tutoring FREE
- ⇒ Core Balance and Strength Class Tues at 2:00 p.m., Thurs at 1:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Crafts Thurs 12:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Current Events Group Thurs at 2:00 p.m. FREE
- ⇒ Digital Photography Classes Tues at 1:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Exercise Classes Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thurs morning
- ⇒ Latin Dance Club Fri 2:00 p.m. FREE
- ⇒ Line Dancing Wed at 2:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Needleworks Club Tues at 12:30 p.m. FREE
- ⇒ Piano Lessons every other Wed 10:30 a.m. FREE
- ⇒ Prize Bingo-First Mon each month at 12:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Spanish Class two Wed a month at 1:00 p.m. FREE
- ⇒ Tai Chi Thurs at 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Tap Dancing Thurs at 2:15 p.m.
- ⇒ Volunteer Opportunities daily FREE
- ⇒ Walking Group daily 8:30 a.m. FREE
- ⇒ Water Color Painting Wed at 1:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Writing workshops FREE
- ⇒ Yoga- Mon at 9:15 a.m. and Fri at 11:15 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL LECTURES AND HEALTH EDUCATION AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Check Senior Center calendar and newsletter for dates and times for monthly visits from a podiatrist and monthly blood pressure screenings.



Grief and Loss Support Group: June – July, Dates TBA

Grief is universal, and the natural confusion of emotions often leaves one feeling overwhelmed. Support groups assist individuals in expressing, understanding, and coping with their emotions. Within a trusting safe environment participants are encouraged to explore their reactions to loss, learn about the grieving process, develop strategies for coping and begin to integrate this change into their lives in order to move forward.

Osteoporosis Screening: Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

NJ Lottery: Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn about the NJ lottery, where the funds go and who it benefits.

Accepting Help: Friday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.

One of the hardest things to adapt to as we age is being able to ask others for help. This workshop will let you accept help when needed.

Brain Health: Friday, September 20, TIME TBA

This lecture shows you how to keep your brain active and alert.

Carotid and Blood Pressure Screening: Monday, September 30, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Senior Center

PARTIES AND EVENTS AT THE CENTER

BEACH BLANKET BINGO: Friday, July 12, 12:45 p.m.. Stay after lunch for a summertime BINGO game full of fun and surprises.

SUMMER PICNIC PARTY: Wednesday, August 7, 12:00 noon. Forget the heat and the ants! Stay inside for our version of a summer picnic complete with 6 foot hoagies, tons of food and a dance party with live entertainment.

SQUARE DANCE PARTY: Monday, September 9, 1:00 p.m. Celebrate the end of summer by dancing. Square dancing is fun exercise and you don't need to bring a partner to enjoy it.

AARP

Defensive Driving Class: This course is offered 4 times a year at the East Windsor Senior Center. You must attend both classes to receive a "certification of completion", which when sent to your automobile insurance company, may entitle you to a discount. Also a 2 point reduction from your Motor Vehicle Bureau Record if applicable. Membership in AARP is not required, but students must pre-register. **Upcoming classes: September 9 and 11 from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.**

SENIOR CITIZEN PHOTO ID DAY

Free Senior Citizen Photo IDs for local shopping discounts are taken 4 times a year at the senior center. The next scheduled date is August 1, 2013 .



Mercer County Surrogate East Windsor Satellite Office Continues in 2013, in accordance with an arrangement between Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Mercer County Surrogate Diane Gerofsky. The Satellite Office is housed at the Township Senior Center and provides residents the opportunity to obtain probate services locally. The Surrogate's Satellite Office is offered from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on the **4th Tuesday of each month**, specifically: June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 24. For further information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Surrogate's Office at (609) 989-6331.

TRIPS

- June 25:** Atlantic City Casino: Cost: \$24.00. Enjoy a luxury motor coach trip to Atlantic City. Spend time at the casino, walk the boardwalk, shop the outlets or even take a dip in the ocean. Casino and slotcash package TBA.
- July 25:** Ocean Theater: \$45.00 plus 50 cents cash for the community bus transportation. Enjoy lunch at Calloways Restaurant, then be thrilled by the award winning musical *Cats* at the Ocean Theater.
- August 19:** Atlantic City Casino: Cost: \$24.00 Enjoy a luxury motor coach trip to Atlantic City. Spend time at the casino, walk the boardwalk, shop the outlets or even take a dip in the ocean. Casino and slotcash package TBA.
- Sept. 11:** Ocean Theater: \$45.00 plus 50 cents cash for the community bus transportation. Enjoy lunch at Kristies Restaurant then watch an enchanting revue of the music and lyrics of Irving Berlin. The show, *I Love a Piano* includes "Puttin' on the Ritz," "There's No Business like Show Business," and "God Bless America."

More trips and events are being scheduled so be sure to check the monthly Senior Center newsletter.

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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. E-News is also a major source of communication and information during emergencies.

Register on the Township website to be part of the E-News Update network. To sign up for the service, visit www.east-windsor.nj.us and look for "Subscribe to E-News Updates". A valid e-mail address is all that is required.