



East Windsor Township

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Mayor's Message

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." Unknown

There are an abundance of ways in which anyone can **volunteer and contribute to our community.**

Our municipal government has many volunteer **Township Boards and Committees** which advise and strengthen the work of the Mayor and Council in areas including planning, senior citizens, recreation, economic development, environmental, health, and clean communities. Also, the **East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse** assists in administering a County grant to design and support intervention and educational programs to deter drug and alcohol abuse within the community. *High school student members also are welcome.*

It takes a very special person to be a **Volunteer Firefighter** or **Volunteer Rescue Squad Member** but the satisfaction and rewards are enormous. You need no special background or training to sign up. And young people are welcomed in the cadet programs. Check it out – it is great.

The **East Windsor Police Athletic League, Hightstown-East Windsor Youth Baseball League** and **Pop Warner**, all sponsors of sports programs for our youth, are great organizations to support and for which to volunteer. Our area **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts** are a wonderful place to offer your help as leaders. *Eagle Scout* projects and *Gold Award* projects offer a great means of community service by young people.

Senior citizens and frankly everyone can help out in countless ways volunteering at the **Township Senior Center**. An enormously gratifying means for seniors to volunteer is as "*GranPals*" in our elementary schools, assisting kindergartners with reading and other areas of skill development and special activities.

East Windsor Crime Watch is always looking for new recruits, to help establish citizen/police partnerships to keep our neighborhoods alert and crime free. **The Domestic**

Violence Victim Response Team offers a unique volunteer opportunity to assist in providing support and comfort to domestic violence victims.

Join the Township "**Adopt-A-Spot**" program to show pride in keeping our public areas litter-free or come out for a few hours, once or twice a year for special Township **Clean-Up Days**, or recycle items at **Recycling Days** and **Operation Medicine Cabinet**.

Be aware of the many non-profit organizations which have many community geared support programs, supporting those in need in our community, including **RISE** and **Better Beginnings** and **Jewish Family Childrens Services**, and religious-based groups and area food pantries.

The local **American Red Cross "Meals on Wheels"** program, which provides home-delivered meals in East Windsor and other surrounding municipalities, Monday through Friday, is made possible by the generous and kind support of volunteers who deliver the meals and provide daily contact to the homebound and elderly.

Our **Schools** offer many opportunities to support our schools and students, and their many worthwhile activities and groups. Volunteer and make a difference in your life and others.

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again"
Etienne de Grellet



Mayor Janice S. Mironov

Mayor and Council

Re-Elected Council Members and Mayor Sworn in at January Reorganization Meeting

Janice S. Mironov was sworn in as Mayor by United States Congressman Rush Holt, and Alan Rosenberg was sworn in as Deputy Mayor by Mayor Mironov. Re-elected Council Members Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, and Perry Shapiro were sworn into office for new four-year terms. Township volunteers were also recognized for their many years of service on Township boards and commissions. At the meeting, Edward H. Herman was sworn-in as the new East Windsor Municipal Judge. Judge Herman is the municipal court judge in Plainsboro/Cranbury, Highland Park, Helmetta, Jamesburg, and Perth Amboy, and presiding judge of Middlesex County Municipal Courts.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov was sworn-in as Mayor by United States Congressman Rush Holt at the Township annual reorganization meeting.

Township Awarded \$199,000 Post Sandy Mitigation Grant Funds

Mayor Janice S. Mironov announced that East Windsor Township was approved to receive two grants totaling \$199,000 in Post Sandy Mitigation funds. The two grant awarded projects are \$96,000 for a permanent generator for the East Windsor Public Works facility and \$103,000 for a permanent generator for the East Windsor Senior Center. The two grant funding awards were provided by Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes. Mercer County had received a total of \$1,034,738 from the State of New Jersey Office of Mitigation, which could be allocated toward eligible projects as vetted under State criteria.

No Tax Increase 2014 East Windsor Municipal Budget

NO TAX INCREASE 2014 Township Budget was adopted by Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members. The East Windsor municipal component **remains at less than 15%** of the total local property tax bill, and is **among the lowest amounts in the entire region** and well below the statewide average. In addition, the 2014 municipal tax levy amount is well below the available state cap levy amounts. The municipal component of the local property tax bill remains at the same 2013 rate of \$0.431 (**43.1 cents**) per \$100 of assessed valuation. This means that for the 2014 average residence assessment of \$258,987, the 2014 **municipal tax is \$1116**. The fiscally conservative budget document retains all existing services and contains no employee reductions or additions. The municipal budget is a result of the Township's commitment to continually seek out additional efficiencies, cooperative purchasing avenues and service sharing opportunities, while maintaining a very low debt level. The **NO TAX INCREASE** budget also is a result of the pro-active efforts of the Township to carefully plan and to closely monitor expenditures and revenues throughout the year.

East Windsor Exit 8 Transportation and Development Study

Preliminary findings and proposals were publicly presented by consultant Taylor Design Group on February 11. The Township planning initiative, funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Transportation and Community Development Initiative Program, was undertaken to review the impacts to circulation and development for the surrounding area of the relocated and expanded East Windsor Interchange 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike and Turnpike widening. The presentation provided an update on the study and an opportunity for residents to offer feedback and ask questions. The planning study power point presentation is available on the Township website at www.east-windsor.nj.us.

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 Township website www.east-windsor.nj.us.

Mayor and Council

Township Honors 2013 State Champions and Eastern Regional Champions Girls 9/10 Softball All-Star Team East Windsor Police Athletic League Little League

Mayor Janice S. Mironov honored the East Windsor PAL Little League Girls 9/10 Softball All-Star Team, nicknamed “Thunder,” for their 2013 New Jersey State Championship and 2013 Eastern Regional Championship achievements.



Pictured, (from left to right) are: front row – Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Noelle Geroso; Melissa Weingast; Isabel Hulme; Maddie Frunzi, and Gina Zappola; back row – Emily Reinstein; Abby Bell; Gina Bibens; Ashley Giampolo; Allison Bridgman; Jackie Masone; Meg Regan, and Manager Rob Bridgman.

Volunteer for Township Boards and Committees

Volunteers can apply to serve on the Clean Communities Advisory Committee, Commission on Aging, East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority, Economic Development Committee, Environmental Commission, Health Advisory Board, Planning Board, Recreation Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. Residents interested in volunteering can obtain an application form from the Township website or Municipal Clerk’s office, and return by email to municipal_clerk@east-windsor.nj.us, by fax to 443-8303 or by mail to Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Township Council, 16 Lanning Boulevard, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520. For further information, call the Clerk’s Office at 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.

East Windsor Celebrated 10th Anniversary of Township Senior Center in 2013

The anniversary program included musical selections from East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 member Harvey Bailey, and remarks and presentations by Joan Gordon, Past President of the East Windsor-Hightstown Senior Club; Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes; State Senator Linda Greenstein; Ondina Jeffers, Chairperson, Commission on Aging; and Mayor Janice S. Mironov. A tree planting followed, then a light lunch and entertainment.



Pictured, (from left to right) are: Council Members John Zoller; Perry Shapiro, Peter Yeager, Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Marc Lippman, Commission on Aging Members Ondina Jeffers, Andrew Sung, Ina Heiman, and Dilys Henninger.

Annual Stony Brook – Millstone Watershed Association Stream Cleanup

East Windsor partnered with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association for a Stream Cleanup on April 5. Over **80 volunteers** participated and **782 pounds** of trash were collected at Etra Lake Park. The Watershed Association works with residents, municipal, County, and State leaders, and local groups on a wide variety of initiatives and actions to plan smart, grow the community and preserve and protect our natural resources.



Pictured are volunteers from East Windsor Girl Scout Troops, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association Policy Director Jennifer Coffey and Mayor Janice S. Mironov.

Mayor and Council

Township Recognizes Kreps Middle School Student Winner of Clean Communities Suggestion Box Contest

Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognized Melvin H. Kreps Middle School student **Harish Rabindran** as the winner of the Township Clean Communities Committee sponsored Suggestion Box Contest: *“Identify and Set Forth Details of a Specific Idea to Increase Recycling in Our Community”*.



Pictured is Mayor Mironov and Harish Rabindran, winner of the Township Clean Communities Committee sponsored Suggestion Box Contest.



Township Is Now Accepting Credit Cards for Tax Payments

Residents can make credit card payments in person at the Tax Collector Office or online at www.east-windsor.nj.us and click on the link near the top of the page. A credit card fee will be assessed by the company processing the transactions. For additional information call the Tax Collector office at 443-4000, ext. 231.

Clean Communities Committee Adopt-A-Spot Wrap Up

East Windsor Clean Communities Committee held 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 then erected on the site indicating which group adopted the site. The groups are expected to clean up the site three times a month from April 1 through November 1. Congratulations to the 2013 Adopt-A-Spot participants: Beth El Synagogue, Boy Scout Troop 59, Boy Scout Troop 5700, Brownie Troop 70687, Casciano Family, Daisy Troop 70215, East Windsor Police Athletic League, and Girl Scout Troop 70153. To participate in the 2014 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.



DAISY TROOP 70215
Pictured, (from left to right) are: Kate Mirvica; Rachna Acharya; Sudepta Murthy; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Molly Frascella; Kathy Frascella, Group Leader, and Kristen Rodrigues.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 59
Pictured, (from left to right) are: Dayne Wolfe; John O'Brien II, Troop 59 Committee Chairman; Michael Elgandy; John O'Brien III; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Max Tootleman; Sandy Tootleman, Troop 59 Scoutmaster, and Chirayu Gupta.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 70342
Pictured, (from left to right) are: (front row) Dahlia Grub-Tulley; Tara Misiura, and Sindhu Inala; (back row) Nikki Masone; Rachael Masone; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Fiona Misiura, and Sarah Wittock.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 70773
Pictured, from (left to right) are: (front row) Jackie Eldridge and Samantha Megee; (back row) Troop Leader Alison Megee, Bella Fowler; Emma Rafkin; Jordan Megee; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Bryn Dohm, and Lily Mason.

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 Thursday, July 3 (rain date Saturday, July 5) at Etra Lake Park. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with live entertainment. An exciting fireworks display will follow.

Summer Events at Etra Lake Park

All area residents also are invited to Etra Lake Park for *free* summer events.

July 20 – Neil and the Diamonds – 6 p.m.

This band will perform tributes to all of the most popular Neil Diamond songs.

August 3 – Mahoney Brothers – 6 p.m.

Their “Jukebox Heroes” show will chronicle the musical legends: The Beach Boys, Neil Diamond, Jerry Lee Lewis, Willie Nelson, Elvis, The Beatles and many more.

August 10 – The Cameos – 6 p.m.

This talented oldies group create and perform their own unique renditions of the most popular songs of the 50’s & 60’s with a little of the 70’s for good measure.

August 16 – Family Night in the Park – 7 p.m.

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

Call the East Windsor Township Event Information Hotline, (609) 443-4000 ext. 400, for changes or updated special event information.

Join East Windsor Green Team

The East Windsor Green Team advises the Township on means to enhance municipal operations with “green” initiatives and has achieved Sustainable Jersey recognition. The Township has been awarded Sustainable Jersey Bronze Level certification. The Township Green Team Committee focuses on furthering initiatives as preservation of open space and farmland, solar power, fleet purchasing and maintenance, and municipal facilities and operations seeking to reduce the Township environmental impact of its operations. Township initiated 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 and 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.

Township Recognizes 2013 Employees of the Year

Susan Malec, Public Health Nurse/Health Educator; **Police Sergeant Christopher Jackson**, and **Raymond Thompson**, Driver/Laborer in Public Works were the 2013 Employees of the Year. **Susan Malec**, a Township employee since 1996, who coordinates a myriad of public health services including a children’s health clinic, elderly clinic and flu shots, was recognized “for her consistently pleasant, patient, tender, caring, respectful demeanor and always willing to go beyond” in serving the community. **Sergeant Christopher Jackson**, a 17 year police officer, currently assigned as Traffic Safety Unit Supervisor, was recognized as “a competent and dedicated police supervisor who takes great pride in his efforts and contributions” and “consistently displays a can-do attitude.” **Raymond Thompson**, a Public Works employee since 1998 in the Sanitation Division, was recognized “as highly skilled in all public works functions especially in operating snow plow equipment”, whose “positive attitude, skills and dedication create a positive work environment for employees and residents.”



Mayor Janice S. Mironov recognized the 2013 Employees of the Year. Pictured (from left to right) are: **Raymond Thompson**, Public Works Driver/Laborer; **Susan Malec**, Public Health Nurse/Health Educator; Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and **Police Sergeant Christopher Jackson**.

Mercer County Surrogate East Windsor Satellite Office Continues in 2014

The satellite office is housed at the Township Senior Center and provides residents the opportunity to obtain probate services locally. The 4th Tuesday of every month, the East Windsor Surrogate’s Satellite Office is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For further information, or to schedule an appointment, contact the Surrogate Office at (609) 989-6331.

JCP&L Offers New Outage Alert and Update System

JCP&L encourages residents to register for the new Outage Alert and Update System. Residents will need their JCP&L account number to complete the short registration process. To register, residents can visit www.firstenergycorp.com/connect and select “Alert notifications via email or text messaging” found under “Quick Links.” Then select “set up an online account” which is approximately one third of the way down the page. Once the registration process is completed, residents will receive a verification email.

Mayor and Council

Mayor Janice S. Mironov Recognized East Windsor Senior Center Volunteers

At the Township Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 1, Mayor Mironov thanked and presented Certificates of Appreciation to Senior Center volunteers for their valuable contributions in the center and throughout the community. Senior Center volunteers assist with coordinating senior programs and events and participate in various community programs coordinated by the Senior Center and local organizations.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov presented Certificates of Appreciation to East Windsor Senior Center volunteers at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

East Windsor Housing Rehabilitation Program Continues to Accept Applications

The program, funded by a \$200,000 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant and developer deposited funds, assists low and moderate income homeowners with making major structural and safety improvements to their properties. Homeowners who fall within the program's income eligibility criteria and guidelines can receive funds to repair or replace heating and electrical systems, plumbing system components, weatherization (windows, insulation, etc.), roofs, lead remediation and foundations. For further information, residents can contact the Township program administrator Community Grants, Planning & Housing at (609) 371-1968 or by email at maryalice@cph.net.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

New Jersey Turnpike Widening Projects Updates



The NJ Turnpike Widening Project's resurfacing and striping of Route 33 is near completion. During May and June, Old York Road, between Conover and Windsor-Perrineville Road, will be resurfaced. This resurfacing will take 5 to 7 days and residents should anticipate delays; however, the road will remain open. Monmouth Street, between Route 33 and the Hightstown border, and Etra Road, between Philyet Drive and the Hightstown border, will be resurfaced. Needed improvements and restoration work will be performed to Davison and Richardson Roads. The Turnpike Authority states the Project will be completed by fall 2014. For additional Project details and updates, visit www.njturnpikewidening.com or call the Widening Program's question line at 1-877-658-9433.

Completed Roadway Projects

Mercer County finished roadway repairs and resurfacing of Old Trenton Road, between Princeton Hightstown Road and the East Windsor/Cranbury border bridge. East Windsor completed resurfacing of **Conover Road** from Woods Road to Route 130. The project was paid for by developer funds.

Hickory Corner Road

East Windsor has been awarded a \$250,000 NJ Department of Transportation grant to resurface Hickory Corner Road between Dorchester Drive and Dutch Neck Road. Construction will start in late summer/early fall.

Woodland Drive

Woodland Drive, between Oak Creek Road and Hankins Road, will be resurfaced. The contract is expected to be awarded in June with construction in mid-summer.

Millstone Road Bridge Closure

Construction began in December to replace the Millstone Road Bridge. The bridge will be totally closed to through traffic for approximately six months. A signed detour using Old Trenton Road, Southfield Road, Nostrand Drive and Cranbury Neck Road is being used during construction. Millstone Road/John White Road will be open to local traffic up to the bridge construction area.

Mayor and Council

NEW BUSINESS

PANERA BREAD opened on Route 130 South next to Chase Bank. The 4,100 square foot restaurant includes a drive-thru and front patio seating available from May to October. Founded in 1993, Panera Bread is a casual bakery-café which offers several varieties of breads, bagels, muffins, cold sandwiches, hot paninis, salads and soups. The company, headquartered in Sunset Hills, Missouri, has nearly 1,700 locations throughout the United States and Canada. New Jersey locations include Hamilton, West Windsor and Princeton. The restaurant was named “Casual Dining Brand of the Year” by Harris Poll EquiTrend in 2012 and named to Business Week’s list of top 25 “Customer Service Champs” in 2010. For more information, visit their website at www.panerabread.com.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Panera Bread. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member Perry Shapiro; Council Member John Zoller; Council Member Hector Duke; Panera Bread of West Windsor General Manager David Jensen; Panera Bread of East Windsor General Manager Robert Curnow; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg; Panera Bread Joint Venture Partner Larry Shinbein, and Panera Bread of Princeton General Manager Mohammed Sankar.

AGILITY PHYSICAL THERAPY & WELLNESS opened on Route 130 South at the corner of Maple Stream Road. Agility Physical Therapy & Wellness, owned by physical therapist Ambika Patel, is a 3,500 square foot facility, offering a variety of physical therapy and wellness programs and rehabilitation and treatment plans. Agility includes a warm water pool for aquatic therapy, several treatment areas and a separate space for exercise classes. For further information, visit www.agilityptnj.com.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Agility Physical Therapy & Wellness. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member Peter Yeager; Council Member Hector Duke; Windsor Nissan President and building owner Marcy Maguire; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Agility Physical Therapy & Wellness Owner Ambika Patel; Ambika Patel’s husband Arpan Patel, and Council Member John Zoller.

ALLURE SALON also opened on Route 130 South, next to Agility Physical Therapy & Wellness. Owned and operated by cosmetologist and cosmetology teacher Angela Rey, the salon is a 720 square foot facility offering a variety of hair care services including coloring, highlighting, perming, Keratin smoothing and hair care education. For more information, contact Allure Salon at (609) 301-8334.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Allure Salon. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member John Zoller; Council Member Hector Duke; Allure Owner Angela Rey; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Council Member Alan Rosenberg; Windsor Nissan President and building owner Marcy Maguire, and Council Member Peter Yeager.

Mayor and Council

NEW BUSINESS

Windsor Shopping Center Updates (Located at Route 130 and Route 571)

BOTTOM DOLLAR FOOD, which opened in October, offers customers a wide assortment of national brand grocery items, is occupying 22,500 square feet of the former Super Fresh space. For more information, visit www.bottomdollarfood.com.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for grand opening of Bottom Dollar Food. Pictured, (from left to right) are: Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg; Council Member Perry Shapiro; Bottom Dollar Food Store Manager Earl Casler; Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and Council Member John Zoller.

RETRO FITNESS, occupying 12,500 square feet, offers a full array of state-of-the-art exercise equipment, along with health and wellness programs, smoothie bar, pro shop and a separate movie theater with exercise equipment. For further information, visit www.eastwindsornj.retrofitness.net.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Retro Fitness. Pictured (from left to right) are: Retro Fitness General Manager Cynthia Adams; Council Member John Zoller; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Retro Fitness Co-Owner Lori Hahl; Retro Fitness Co-Owner Bob Hahl, and Retro Fitness employee Spencer Troyano.

ROSS DRESS FOR LESS, slated for a summer 2014 opening, is the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the United States. Ross Dress for Less has evolved from a California-based store into a national chain with 1,112 locations in 33 states.

SMASHBURGER, slated for summer 2014 opening, is known for its “smashed seared and seasoned to order” burgers made from certified Angus beef, along with a menu which includes grilled chicken sandwiches, fresh entrée salads, and an array of signature sides including sweet potato fries and fried pickles and hand-spun Haagen-Dazs shakes. The restaurant also offers localized burgers in each market based upon regional flavors.

NEW BUSINESS (con't)

TOWN DINER opened on Route 130 North, across from Windsor Shopping Center. The new diner is owned by Nicholas Kalyna, a 37 year resident of East Windsor, where he and his wife Luba raised their family. General Manager Eric Masotes, also an East Windsor resident and 1995 graduate of Hightstown High School, brings to Town Diner over 15 years of experience in the restaurant industry. Town Diner has a large assortment of home-style diner food dishes including breakfast offerings, salads and soups, sandwiches, wraps and paninis, and a wide variety of entrees. For more information, visit their website at www.towndinernj.com.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Town Diner. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member John Zoller; Council Member Hector Duke; Town Diner Owner Nicholas Kalyna; Council Member Peter Yeager; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Council Member Alan Rosenberg; Business Associate Jimmy Manetas, and Town Diner General Manager Eric Masotes.

Mayor and Council

NEW BUSINESS

AIMES FURNITURE opened on Route 33 West, north of Airport Road. Aimes Furniture, a family business owned by Carlos Lugo, is a catalog sales and furniture delivery company occupying an 1,100 square foot store. Aimes, which sells all types of furniture including living room, dining room, home office, bedroom and home entertainment sets, carries furniture brands including Acme, Coaster, Cramco, Just in Time, Mainline and Poundex.



Mayor Janice S. Mironov cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Aimes Furniture. Pictured (from left to right) are: Council Member John Zoller; Council Member Peter Yeager; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Aimes Furniture Owner Carlos Lugo; Carlos Lugo's mother Milagros Hernandez; Carlos Lugo's wife Nubia Vazquez; Council Member Hector Duke, and Carlos Lugo's brother Jose Rivera.

BUSINESS NEWS

STARPLEX CINEMAS acquired East Windsor Multiplex in Town Center Plaza, on Route 130 North. Starplex Cinemas features lower ticket pricing and \$1 hot dogs, and plans to enhance the multiplex with 100% digital projection and new spacious seating. Birthday party packages and event rentals also are available. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, Starplex Cinemas currently operates 40 theaters and 313 screens in 11 states, including East Brunswick and Ridgely Park in New Jersey. For additional information, visit www.starplexcinemas.com.

McGraw-Hill Education Stays in East Windsor Relocates Offices to Windsor Center

McGraw-Hill Education, formerly a division of the McGraw Hill Companies, is now a new separate company created by McGraw-Hill's split into two public companies, and has moved into a 17,700 square foot space which houses administrative offices and a customer service center in Windsor Center. McGraw-Hill Education is an industry leader in delivering personalized learning experiences through adaptive technology and will focus on digital content for books and testing materials at the new East Windsor location. The company partners around the world with students, educators, administrators and other professionals to deliver engaging, adaptive and personalized solutions that improve performance and results. McGraw-Hill will employ approximately 125 people at the East Windsor location and employs more than 6,000 people in 44 countries around the world.

Township 2013 Business Awards

The Township 2013 Business Awards were presented to **Windsor Center, First Choice Bank** and **K & S Farms** by Mayor Janice S. Mironov. 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 presents Township 2013 Business Awards to **Windsor Center, First Choice Bank, and K & S Farms**. Pictured (from left to right) are: First Choice Bank Vice President and East Windsor Branch Manager Stacey DeAlmeida; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Kevin Kyle, Patrick Kyle and Sharon Kyle of K & S Farms, and Advance Realty Property Management Director Rick Zack.

Windsor Center received the "Business Beautification" award for the revitalization of the former Windsor Hights Shopping Center, a 132,733 square foot retail center located at the corner of Route 130 South and Princeton Hightstown Road. New owner Advance Realty has modernized Windsor Center with several improvements including a façade renovation, new pylon signage, building system upgrades, landscaping enhancements and parking lot repairs.

First Choice Bank, on Princeton Hightstown Road, just west of Route 130, received the "Community Service" award. First Choice Bank opened their East Windsor branch in 2011 and is an active member of the local business community, highlighted by their 2014 designation of "Royal Partner" with the MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce. The bank participates in East Windsor National Night Out, sponsors a "Youth Savings Program" for elementary school students at Hickory Corner Library, sponsors the East Windsor PBA annual golf outing and is a Gold Sponsor of East Windsor Recreation Department summer events.

K & S Farms, located on Windsor Perrineville Road and Cedarville Road, received the "Community Enhancement" award. K & S Farms has been farming corn, soybeans, peppers, asparagus, strawberries, eggplant, sweet corn, pumpkins, melons and tomatoes since 1988. K & S Farms also offers a variety of entertainment activities for the entire community. K & S Farms also contributes to the East Windsor Fire Company No. 2 annual Halloween party, donates pumpkins to the East Windsor Senior Center and supports the UGA Strikers, a U17 youth soccer team.

Police

Township Sponsors Gun Safety Program

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

East Windsor Urges Motorists to “Put the Phone Down”

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 25% of all police-reported traffic accidents are caused by a variety of driving distractions including the use of hand-held cellular phones. The use of hand-held communication devices while driving has been prohibited in New Jersey since March 1, 2008.

The Township wants to remind all drivers that this law was enacted for the safety of all drivers and pedestrians and urges motorists to follow these basic tips.

Cell Phone Safety Tips:

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

East Windsor Township Crime Watch



East Windsor Township Crime Watch is a collaborative effort between Township residents and the Police Department. Crime Watch meets regularly and is intended to keep residents informed and alert to activities within their neighborhoods. Crime Watch 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.

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

Domestic Violence Victim Response Team Volunteers Needed

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

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

Interested citizens can contact Police Detective Joseph Gorski at (609) 448-5678, ext. 231. Applications are available for pick up at any time at the Police Department (80 One Mile Road).

Police Department Hires New Officers to Fill Vacancies

In January, Mayor Janice S. Mironov administered the oath of office to three newly hired police officers who will be assigned to the Uniform Services Division. New police officers **Marcus Goode**, **Scott Russell** and **Joseph Ianonne Jr.**, will fill police vacancies resulting from recent retirements. **Officer Goode** graduated from the Atlantic County Police Academy in 2013 and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice from Monmouth University. **Officer Russell** graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy in 2012 and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice from Monmouth University. **Officer Ianonne** graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy in 2012 and was most recently employed by the Roselle Park police department.



Pictured (from left to right) are: Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Police Officer Joseph Ianonne, Jr; Police Officer Marcus Goode; Police Officer Scott Russell; and Chief of Police James Monahan.

Police

Township 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 East Windsor Municipal Building on December 9. The purpose of “Communities of Light” is to raise funds and public awareness of domestic violence and services available to victims. Participants purchased luminary kits at Fulton Bank and joined together at the Municipal Building to light candles around the perimeter of the Municipal Building.

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



Mayor Janice S. Mironov and the Police Department participated in “Communities of Light” 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. Pictured (from left to right) are: Lieutenant Chris Jackson; Lieutenant Harry Marshall; Lieutenant Richard Bernstein; Chief James Monahan; Detective Joe Gorski; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Lieutenant James Geary, and Detective Brian Gorski.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., East Windsor Township will sponsor “National Night Out” at the East Windsor PAL complex, located at 30 Airport Road. The event will feature police, fire and emergency medical services equipment and demonstrations, crime watch information, police K-9 demonstrations, child car safety seat inspections, issuance of child ID cards, fire hose demonstrations and face painting. A moon bounce and rock climbing wall, live music by local bands and refreshments will be available.

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/or Super Storm Sandy, by going to <https://mercercounty.onthealert.com>. Regardless of your zip code, for Township residents and businesses, you must register East Windsor Township as your municipality to receive the proper notices. Home phones are already part of the system database. This accommodation was achieved by Mayor Janice S. Mironov through Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes.

Township Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

A Tree Lighting Ceremony, in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), with the theme “Choose Respect,” was hosted by local officials, police and representatives of Womanspace, including program coordinator Alison Daks. The tree, which sits along One Mile Road outside the East Windsor Police/Court Building, was decorated with teal lights to symbolize the community’s commitment to sexual assault awareness, deterrence, and prevention.



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: Lieutenant Chris Jackson; Police Chief James Monahan, Mayor Janice S. Mironov; Alison Daks, Coordinator of Sexual Assault Support Services for Womanspace; Lieutenant Richard Bernstein, and Lieutenant James Geary.

Fire and Rescue

2014 East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad Officers

- Fire Company 1: Chief – Tony Katawick
President – Gerald Laughlin, Jr.
- Fire Company 2: Chief – Eric Coran
President – Ben Thornton
- Rescue Squad 1: Chief – Scott Prykanowski
President – Kira Behan
- 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 I 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 Squad District I:**
448-6321 www.squad142.com
- Rescue Squad District II:**
448-8992 www.squad146.com

Firefighters of the Year

Mayor Janice S. Mironov proclaimed Fire Prevention Week and recognized Volunteer Firefighters of the Year, **Gerald Laughlin** of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and **Adrian Ortiz** of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2. Mayor Mironov presented Proclamations to Firefighters of the Year Gerald Laughlin and Adrian Ortiz, “expressing deep appreciation for their special and invaluable contributions and extraordinary dedication.” She noted that “volunteer firefighters Gerald Laughlin and Adrian Ortiz have devoted countless hours to public service, earning them much respect from Fire Company members and the entire East Windsor community.”



Mayor Janice S. Mironov honors East Windsor firefighters of the year. Pictured (from left to right) are: Tony Katawick, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; James McCann, Deputy Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; **Gerald Laughlin**, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Fire Fighter of the Year; Mayor Janice S. Mironov; **Adrian Ortiz**, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Fire Fighter of the Year, and Eric Coran, Chief, East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2.

Gerald Laughlin, who is currently serving as President, joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 in 2009 and also has served as Engineer, Lieutenant and Vice President. He is active on the Awards, Special Events, Uniforms, Installation Dinner, Insurance and Parades/Memorials Committees, as well as serving as Chairperson of the Long Range Planning and Finance Committees. He also is one of the Company’s delegates to the Mercer County Fireman’s Association.

Adrian Ortiz, who is currently serving as Vice President, joined East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 in 2011. Adrian Ortiz has responded to over 350 fire calls and attended over 100 training drills as well as numerous community events and prevention activities. He also has received awards for being a top responder, attending the most drills and the Knights of Columbus award.

Public Works

FOR UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION
FOR YOUR AREA, GO TO www.east-windsor.nj.us.

2014 Recycling Dates

Recycling is collected on **every other Wednesday**.

Area 1				Area 2			
May 28	Jul 23	Sept 17	Nov 12	May 21	Jul 30	Sept 24	Nov 19
Jun 11	Aug 6	Oct 1	Nov 26	Jun 4	Aug 13	Oct 8	Dec 3
Jun 25	Aug 20	Oct 15	Dec 10	Jun 18	Aug 27	Oct 22	Dec 17
Jul 9	Sept 3	Oct 29	Dec 24	Jul 2	Sept 10	Nov 5	Dec 31
				Jul 16			

Mercer County Recycling Days

Hazardous Waste Days will be held **SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Dempster Fire Training Center, 350 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrenceville. See Township website at www.east-windsor.nj.us and e-news to confirm dates. The following products are accepted: insect repellents, pesticides/herbicides, weed killers, stains, varnishes, acids, caustics, paint thinner, vehicle batteries, antifreeze, chlordane, pool chemicals, etc. See www.mcyanj.org for information. Special Note: Electronic Waste is accepted at Hazardous Waste Days.

Electronic Waste/Shredding Day will be held **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Sun National Bank Center – Lot 1, 80 Hamilton Avenue, Trenton. **NO Hazardous Waste accepted.** See www.mcyanj.org for information.

Clothing Donation

East Windsor Township has undertaken a clothing donation drive in partnership with the Rescue Mission of Trenton. Clothing donation bins have been placed in the following locations:

- East Windsor Senior Center
40 Lanning Boulevard
- East Windsor Fire Company 2/ Rescue Squad 2
69 Twin Rivers Drive

Residents are asked to drop off items in plastic bags. All clothing donations go directly to the Rescue Mission either to be sold in the Mission Store or given away to needy members of the community.

Garbage Collection Holidays

There is **no curbside garbage collection** on the following **Holidays**; and your garbage will be picked up on your next regular pickup date.

- Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day
- Friday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Monday, September 1 – Labor Day
- Monday, October 13 – Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Friday
- Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day



Recreation

Spring/Summer Programs

The Recreation Department offers a variety of programs for children and adults. For more specific registration and program information, visit www.east-windsor.nj.us and click on "Township Departments," then "Recreation" or email the Recreation Department at recreation@east-windsor.nj.us.

2014 Summer Camp Fun For All!

Summer Camp Enrollment is underway! East Windsor Recreation Department is looking forward to a fun-filled summer!

Online registration is available by visiting <http://register.communitypass.net/EastWindsor>.

Registering for Recreation Programs is easier than ever, and can be done from the comfort of your own home!



2014 Community Events Sponsors

East Windsor Township thanks the following community businesses that have financially sponsored the 2014 community events.

PLATINUM SUPPORTER

Comcast
First Choice Bank
Hamilton Honda
Shiseido America
T & M Associates

GOLD SUPPORTER

Delaware Valley OBGYN
PNC Bank
Windsor Nissan

SILVER SUPPORTER

Conair Corporation
Holiday Inn of
East Windsor and
Days Inn of East Windsor
John Mayorek
The Presidential Center

Interested in becoming a Community Event Sponsor?
Please contact the Recreation Department,
(609) 443-4000, ext. 214.

BRONZE SUPPORTER

Art & Frame Express
Corner Copia
Corner of Chaos
Fulton Bank
Hampton Inn of East Windsor
Hand and Stone Massage
and Facial Spa
Moe's Southwest Grill
Pak Mail
Perez & Radosti Associates
Saker Shop Rites
SciPark Condo Association
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Senior Center

Visit the East Windsor Senior Center located at 40 Lanning Boulevard. 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. Contact the Senior Center at (609) 371-7192 for further information.

Programs and Activities

Days and times are subject to change. Some classes have fees.

2014 – 8 Week Class Session 3 begins July 28 through September 19

- Ballroom Dancing Fridays at 10 a.m.
- Bowling League 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
- Billiards, Cards, Conversations, Friendship, Games, TV, daily. **FREE**
- Computer Tutoring. **FREE**
- Core Balance and Strength Class Tuesdays at 2 p.m., Thursdays at 1 p.m.
- Crafts Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
- Digital Photography Classes Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- Exercise Classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning
- Line Dancing Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Needleworks Club Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. **FREE**
- Piano Lessons every other Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. **FREE**
- Prize Bingo-First Monday each month at 12:30 p.m. **FREE**
- Spanish Club once a month at 1 p.m. **FREE**
- Tai Chi Thursdays at 11 a.m.
- Tap Dancing Thursday at 2:15 p.m.
- **Volunteer Opportunities (teaching and front desk) daily. FREE**
- Walking Group daily at 8:30 a.m. **FREE**
- Water Color Painting Wednesday at 1 p.m.
- Writing workshops Tuesdays at 2 p.m. **FREE**
- Yoga – Mondays at 9:15 and Fridays at 11:15 a.m.
- Zumba Dance Class Friday at 2 p.m.

Senior Citizen Photo ID Day

Come to the Senior Center on **August 1** or **November 3** and receive a free Senior Citizen Photo ID card processed by the Mercer County Sheriff's office. The Photo ID will be by appointment only and an information sheet must be completed prior to each date. Stop by the front desk of the Senior Center or call (609) 371-7192 to register or for more information.

Senior Center

INFORMATIONAL LECTURES AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Monthly visits from a podiatrist and monthly blood pressure screenings are available. Check center calendar and newsletter for dates and times.

Simple Wills: Friday, May 16, 10:15 a.m.

Listen as an elder lawyer explains how to have a simple will.

Blood Pressure Screening: Wednesday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

How To Communicate With Your Doctor:

Friday, June 13, 10:15 a.m.

This discussion workshop covers how to ask the correct questions when speaking to your physicians.

Asset Protection: Wednesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the importance of protecting what you have worked and saved for during your golden years.

AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

This course is offered four 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. A two-point reduction from your motor vehicle record also may apply. Membership in AARP is not required, but students must pre-register. **Upcoming classes are June 9 and 11, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. You must attend both days to get the credit for your insurance company if offered.**

East Windsor Township Community Bus

The Community Bus is used to transport Township residents to and from the East Windsor Township Senior Center, shopping centers and medical appointments. The bus operates Monday through Friday and the second Saturday of each month. Any resident wishing to use the bus should contact the Senior Center at 371-7192 to schedule a pick-up time.

Support for the Community Bus, as well as other Township transportation programs, comes through a Federal/State grant administered through NJ Transit.

PARTIES AND EVENTS

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY:

Tuesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Start off with a fun and nutritious breakfast followed by a lecture on healthy eating and come back for an afternoon Square Dance Party with refreshment and dozens of door prizes.

ANNUAL INDOOR SUMMER PICNIC:

Wednesday, July 30, 12:00 noon

Enjoy hoagies and salads and fun activities while staying indoors to be air conditioned cool and bug free. A dance party with live entertainment will follow.

SQUARE DANCE PARTY: August TBA, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a cool dance party during the dog days of summer. Square dancing is fun exercise and you don't need to bring a partner to enjoy it.

TRIPS

June 20 Point Pleasant: \$.50 cents cash for the community bus transportation.

June 23 Atlantic City Casino: Cost: \$23.00
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.

June 27 Riverlady Cruise: Cost TBA
Spend a day on an authentic reproduction of a riverboat that captures the ambiance of a 19th century Mississippi Paddleboat. A delicious lunch is included.

August 22 Spend the beginning of the summer season and the end of the season at the shore. Have a great day and swim, fish, walk the boardwalk and have lunch on your own. More information to follow.

Coming in July: Surfflight Theater: Fiddler On The Roof
NJ Aquarium

Coming In August: Ocean Theater: Crazy For You
Atlantic City Casino trip

Coming in September: 4 days and 3 nights in Ocean City, Maryland.
Surflight Theater: A Chorus Line
Grounds For Sculpture

More trips and events are being scheduled so be sure to check our monthly newsletter.

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East Windsor Township E-News Updates are sent several times a month by e-mail, providing 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 at www.east-windsor.nj.us and look for "Subscribe to E-News Updates". A valid e-mail address is all that is required.