



Officer Chris Talar



## Retiree Spotlight

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In this edition of “Retiree Spotlights,” we’re proud to introduce Officer Chris Talar (#132), who served the Lawrence Township Police Department (LTPD) from 1973 to 1990. Born in Trenton, NJ, Officer Talar moved to Lawrence at age 7. After graduating from Lawrence High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and later served with the New Jersey National Guard. His career in public safety began as a Corrections Officer at Trenton State Prison, followed by a role as a Police Officer at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), where he advanced to Sergeant/Shift Supervisor before joining LTPD.

At LTPD, Officer Talar worked as a Patrol Officer and undercover with an anti-narcotics task force. A certified EMT, he took the initiative to earn this qualification, leading him to deliver two babies and perform several successful CPR saves, including on an infant. After retiring, he worked as a Private Investigator for over 15 years, solving over 3,500 cases, including a murder in Trenton and a pipeline explosion/arson case. Now living in Florida with his wife, Margaret “Peggy” Klockner, Officer Talar cherishes the camaraderie of his LTPD days and stays connected with former colleagues. He remains proud of his legacy as a police officer in his hometown.

**LAWRENCE  
TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY  
FUN DAY!**  
**AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

**REGISTER ONLINE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF  
LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FUN DAY!**  
**LOCAL BUSINESSES, CRAFT VENDORS, NON-PROFIT GROUPS,  
MUSIC OR ENTERTAINMENT GROUPS**

**CENTRAL PARK**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**  
**RAIN DATE OCTOBER 6TH**  
**12PM-4PM**

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION



## Lawrence Township Tree Cutting Ordinance: Know Before You Cut!

- **Permit Required:** Get a permit before cutting trees of certain sizes.
- **Engineering Inspection:** Required before any tree removal.
- **Residential Limit:** Remove up to 5 trees (8-29 inches diameter) annually.
- **Specimen Trees:** Larger trees need special permits.
- **Unauthorized Removal:** May require replacement or Shade Tree Account contribution.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

There is a medication drop box at the Lawrence Township Police Department located at 2211 Lawrence Road, Lawrence Township, NJ 08648. It is a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.





## **Lawrence Township Celebrates the Grand Opening of Hero Dog Park**

**Lawrence Township is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Hero Dog Park, a fantastic new space for our community and their furry friends. Located within Hamnett Park, this addition provides a safe and fun environment for dogs of all sizes, with separate areas for large and small dogs. The park's new amenities are the result of a significant \$500,000 renovation project, with half of the budget—\$250,000—dedicated to the dog park's construction.**

**Hero Dog Park features new fencing, landscaping, shade structures, benches, and dog park equipment, ensuring a welcoming space for both pets and their owners. The remaining budget was invested in passive recreational improvements throughout Hamnett Park, including a new perimeter walking path, enhanced lighting, electrical and water services, a patio seating area, and additional landscaping.**

**Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer expressed her excitement about the new amenities, stating, "The dog park will provide a safe, enclosed area for pets to run and play, while the other upgrades create more opportunities for walking, relaxing, and enjoying nature."**

**This project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Nancy Bergen, Superintendent of Recreation, and the Lawrence Township Recreation Department, Mayor Farmer, the Township Council, Municipal Manager Kevin Nerwinski, Township Engineers Jim Parvesse and Brenda Kraemer, and the Public Works Department. Lawrence Township is also expecting a \$125,000 grant from the Mercer at Play program to help offset the costs.**

**Come join us at Hero Dog Park and start creating pawstive memories with your four-legged friends!**

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## Lawrence Township Office on Aging Senior Center Activity Calendar



## Celebrating 33 Years of the Senior Center!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><i>Grandparents Day!</i></p>	<p>TOWNSHIP OFFICES &amp; SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</p>	<p>3 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM</p> <p>CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>4 NO LINE DANCE</p> <p>BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM</p> <p>MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>5 EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>CORNHOLE PRACTICE ALL DAY</p>	<p>6 LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM</p> <p>WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM</p> <p>BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	<p>7 ANNUAL PIG ROAST AMERICAN LEGION POST 414 AT 100 BERWYN PLACE, LAWRENCE 1 - 6 PM</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>TAL-CHI - 10:30 AM</p> <p>MAH-JONGGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>10 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM</p> <p>CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM</p> <p>Police Dept. 100th Anniversary Open House at the Police Station 6:0 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>9/11 MEMORIAL AT 160 PILLA AVE 8:30 AM</p> <p>SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM</p> <p>LINE DANCE - 8:30 AM</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 9:30 AM</p> <p>BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM</p> <p>MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>CORNHOLE PRACTICE ALL DAY</p> <p>HEALTHY BONES 1:00 TO 2:30 PM</p>	<p>33 YEARS SENIOR CENTER ANNIVERSARY EVENT</p> <p>9:30 AM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p>	<p>UPDATED DATE: New Yoga class start date September 20th</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>TAL-CHI - 10:30 AM</p> <p>MAH-JONGGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>17 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM</p> <p>CONNECT WITH NATURE! MONARCH BUTTERFLIES PROGRAM 9:30 - 11:00 AM AT TULPEHAKING NATURE CENTER</p> <p>CLUB #1 - 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>18 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM</p> <p>ACCESS LINK SPEAKER 10:30 AM</p> <p>BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM</p> <p>MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>HEALTHY BONES 1:00 TO 2:30 PM</p> <p>PEOPLE &amp; STORIES 1:30 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>YOGA 9 - 10 AM</p> <p>NUTRITION'S PICNIC AT MERCER COUNTY PARK 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM</p> <p>LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM</p> <p>WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM</p> <p>BINGO 1 - 3 PM</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>First day of Autumn</p>	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>ACRYLIC ART - 10:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>TAL-CHI - 10:30 AM</p> <p>MAH-JONGGG - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>24 DUPLICATE BRIDGE - 9 AM</p> <p>CLUB #2 - 10:00 AM</p> <p>SCULPTURE CLASS - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>25 LINE DANCE - 9:30 AM</p> <p>BUSY BEES - 12:30 PM</p> <p>MEMOIR WRITING - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>EXERCISE - 9:00 AM</p> <p>WII GAMES - 10:00 AM</p> <p>MEMOIR GROUP READING &amp; RECEPTION 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>YOGA 9 - 10 AM</p> <p>LINE DANCE 10 - 11 AM</p> <p>WATERCOLOR FREESTYLE - 10 AM</p> <p>HEALTH DEPT. OUTREACH 10:30 - 11:30 AM</p> <p>PRIZE TICKET BINGO 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	
29	30	<p><b>Register for our upcoming Well-o-ween Healthfair October 29th!</b></p> <p><b>UPCOMING: Health Dept. Flu Clinic October 17th at the Senior Center from 1:30 to 3:30 PM</b></p>				
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<p><b>LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER</b></p> <p>30 East Darrah Lane, Lawrence NJ                  Phone: 609-844-7048                  Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 pm                  www.lawrencetwp.com</p> <p>Lillian LaSalle, Executive Director                  lasalle@lawrencetwp.com</p> <p>Natasha Pacera, Recreation Leader                  npacera@lawrencetwp.com</p> <p><b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</b>                  Senior Van available weekdays between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. By appointment only - Must call 48 hours in advance. For Lawrence Township Residents 60+. Van Service only transports local.</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION</b>                  Pre-Registration is required for ALL Senior Center programs &amp; activities by calling or visiting the center. Programs for Lawrence Twp. Seniors 60 years and older.</p> <p><b>MERCER COUNTY NUTRITION</b>                  HOT LUNCHESES                  MON. WED. THURS. AND FRI.                  9:15 AM - Coffee                  No Nutrition on Tuesdays                  PLEASE Sign-in for meal by 10:45 AM                  Pre-Registration Required                  Please call                  (609) 883-8085 OR (609) 989-6650                  Site Manager: Latrionda Davis</p> <p><b>SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES</b>                  33 Years of Senior Center Anniversary Event, Connect with Nature Program, Memoir Group Reading &amp; Reception, Prize Ticket Bingo and Well-O-ween Oct. 29th</p>						

# September 2024

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Trash Collection Recycling (rescheduled) Municipal Offices Closed - Labor Day	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Recycling (rescheduled) Municipal Offices Closed - Labor Day	Yard Waste Collection Recycling (rescheduled) Municipal Offices Closed - Labor Day	Yard Waste Collection Recycling (rescheduled) Municipal Offices Closed - Labor Day	Recycling Collection Make-Up
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Yard Waste Collection Historic Preservation Committee	Yard Waste Collection Public Safety Committee Growth and Redevelopment Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection 911 Memorial Ceremony Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection 911 Memorial Ceremony Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection 911 Memorial Ceremony Senior Executive Committee	Yard Waste Collection Senior Center 33rd Anniversary Celebration	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Recycling Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	Yard Waste Collection	MCIA Household Hazardous Waste Event Rabies Clinic
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Yard Waste Collection Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Bulk Item Collection - New Schedule	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling	Township Council Meeting	Trails, Open Space & Stewardship Advisory Committee Meeting	Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Lawrence Township Community Fun Day	

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Municipal Offices Closed - Columbus Day Recycling Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Township Council Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Zoning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	Yard Waste Collection		MCA Document Shredding Event
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Yard Waste Collection Planning Board Meeting	Yard Waste Collection Lawrence Alcohol and Drug Alliance Meeting Environmental Resources & Green Advisory Committee Meeting	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection Trunk or Treat	Yard Waste Collection Bulk Item Collection - New Schedule		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Yard Waste Collection Recycling Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Yard Waste Collection	